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NEWS AT A GLANCE

45,000 fans crowd raceway

About 45,000 fans crowded Gateway International Raceway Saturday to watch the Motorola 300, the sixth of 20 races in the CART FedEx Series, the first of three major races at the oval track this year.

With a dramatic late-race sprint, Michael Andretti was able to fend off Helio Castroneves and take the checkered flag.

It was Andretti's first CART win since last year's season opener in Homestead, Fla. Saturday's victory was a CART record-setting 38th for Andretti.

Series point leader Juan Montoya started in the pole position and led for part of the race, but several bad pit stops dropped him to an 11th-place finish.

However, he still retains a four-point lead over Dario Franchitti in the overall standings. Franchitti, who drives for Team Kool Green, finished third.

Incorporation halted

The death of a legislative bill in the Illinois Senate will put the fight to incorporate Mitchell on hold for at least the next few months.

The Legislature closed its session last week before a Senate vote could be taken on the bill.

Had the bill passed the Senate and been signed by the governor, Mitchell residents would have been able to vote on whether to become an incorporated village.

Mitchell hasn't been able to vote on the issue because state law requires a community with fewer than 7,500 people to have the consent of neighboring municipalities before incorporating.

Old COR Bridge dedicated

Politicians from both sides of the Mississippi River dedicated the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge in Madison Tuesday as the world's longest pedestrian/bicycle trail.

Officials braved a light rain to participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the bridge, which is owned by the city of Madison and leased to Trailnet Inc., the nonprofit agency renovating the structure.



Tim Stephenson photo

Lights are a recent addition to the Gateway International Raceway.

Drivers, spectators give lights thumbs up

New track lights recently had first real test

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

Lights, seats and other amenities are being added this season to an already drastically altered Gateway International Raceway.

The biggest change for race fans at last week-end's Motorola 300 was the addition of lights around the oval track, which got its first real test during Friday's NASCAR Slim Jim All Pro Series race and a short practice run for the CART and Atlantic cars.

Chris Pook, president and chief executive officer of Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, Calif., the parent company of Gateway, said the lighting was "incredible, absolutely incredible."

He said the response has been very good from both drivers and spectators.

"There is a certain spectacle to running at night, and it certainly portrayed that spectacle," he said of Friday's race.

But for spectators at the next big race on the oval track, the CARQUEST Auto Parts 250 NASCAR Busch Series Grand National Division on July 30-31, things will be even brighter.

The May 28 race used only outer track lights. The inner track lights are expected to be installed sometime in the next week or so.

"If everything goes well and we get the right announcements, we'll be putting in a lot of seats, probably as many as we've got now, to get the seating over 100,000."

Rod Walter
 Track president, general manager

First, it allows the track to run major races during July and August. Last year, no

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Madison moves forward with TIF

Plan would create second district in city

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

The city of Madison is moving forward with plans to expand its present tax increment financing district and create a second district in the East Madison/Third Street area.

The City Council at its Tuesday meeting approved inducement resolutions neces-

sary to begin the process. The city's present TIF district includes Gateway International Raceway, Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza and most of the Gateway National Golf Links, as well as adjoining property - about 1,200 acres total.

The expansion of that TIF district will include the rest of the land in St. Clair County that has been annexed by Madison, including parcels

"There's a lot of acreage there. A lot of it has already got businesses on it that want to take advantage of the TIF."

John Hamm
 Mayor of Madison

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Program makes a difference

Foundation helps low-income family buy new homes

By Curtiss A. Hartley
 Staff writer

Granite City's HOME Foundation is improving the community one house at a time.

"Everyone benefits," said Ruth Noeth, president of the 5-year-old Home Ownership Made Easier Foundation. "The

students learn, we get a new house built in our community and a low-income family gets a home."

The HOME Foundation, Granite City School District 9 and Madison County Community Development recently completed work on a third home and have put together funding for a fourth. Noeth, who is the principal at Wilson School in Granite

City, was one of the organization's three founders. She said HOME was formed in 1993 when she and two other educators decided that something more concrete needed to be done for the community.

"When the number of free or reduced lunches decreased drastically, all of a sudden we realized a need to do some-

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Summer's here



Tim Stephenson photo

Area residents cooled off this week at the pool in Wilson Park. The pool opened Memorial Day weekend.

GC schools seek lost grad photos

Originals lost in fire

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

The Granite City School District lost part of its history almost two years ago during a small fire at the high school.

Now it is trying to recreate the past, picture by picture. Photos of the graduating classes of 1910 through 1977 were damaged or destroyed

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Felony charges

The following felonies were recently filed in Third Circuit Court in Madison County:

Tamara D. Price, 38, was charged with unlawful production of cannabis sativa plants for an incident Jan. 14 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Price allegedly had seven plants growing in her residence in the 1800 block of 4th Street in Madison. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Troy M. Eby, 29, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver for an incident Nov. 30, 1998 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Eby allegedly had between 30 and 500 grams of a substance containing cannabis. Bond was set at \$25,000.

David A. Hill, 45, and Kathleen S. Hill, 41, were charged with one count of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and one count of unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver for an incident Dec. 4, 1998 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. The Hills allegedly had between 150 and 100 grams of morphine and between 500 and 200 grams of cannabis. Bond for each was set at \$100,000.

Darrin J. Murphy, 19, was charged with unlawful delivery of cannabis within 1,000 feet of school property for an incident March 11 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Murphy allegedly delivered between 2.5 and 10 grams of a substance containing cannabis to a special agent. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Matthew A. Mattheus, 19, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver for an incident May 24 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Werner allegedly had between 30 and 500 grams of cannabis. Bond was set at \$25,000.

William A. Brown, 42, and Leon S. Brown, 50, were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident March 19 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. The Browns allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond for each was set at \$15,000.

Antwan E. Stallworth, 31, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver for an incident May 24 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Stallworth allegedly had between 30 and 500 grams of a substance containing cannabis. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Darrin J. Murphy, 19, was charged with unlawful delivery of cannabis for an incident March 4 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Murphy allegedly had between 10 and 30 grams of a substance containing cannabis, which he attempted to deliver to a special agent. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Kit Bobo, 37, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Feb. 7 by the Collinsville Police Department. Bobo allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

George W. Storey, 46, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, and two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Jan. 15 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Storey allegedly had between 30 and 500 grams of a substance containing cannabis, less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine and less than 200 grams of methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$45,000.

Denny E. Yount, Jr., 21, was charged with unlawful possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance for an incident July 14, 1998 by the Metropolitan

Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Yount allegedly had between one and 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$30,000.

Joshua M. Briggs, 18, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident June 24, 1998 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Briggs allegedly had less than 200 grams of methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Christopher L. Kelsay, 20, was charged with unlawful delivery of cannabis for an incident Jan. 21 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. Kelsay allegedly had between 30 and 500 grams of a substance containing cannabis. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Kurtis B. Kaysinger, 24, Kenneth J. Highley, Sr., 20, and James T. Ward, 22, were charged with unlawful chemical breakdown of an illicit controlled substance for an incident May 24 by the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. The three allegedly had a session of anhydrous ammonia and lithium batteries with the intent to use them to manufacture a controlled substance. Anhydrous ammonia is used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Bond for each was set at \$10,000, and they were released on personal recognizance.

Erika A. Enos, 25, was charged with concealing a fugitive for an incident May 14 by the Glen Carbon Police Department. Enos allegedly knew that a Tyrone L. Brown was wanted for obstruction of justice, and that she harbored and concealed him at her residence in the 1400 block of Eberhart in Edwardsville, with the intent to prevent his apprehension. Bond for Enos was set at \$25,000.

Bernice Robinson, 47, was charged with driving while her license was revoked and aggravated driving under the influence for an incident May 24 by the Maryville Police Department. Robinson allegedly was stopped while driving in Maryville, and had a revoked driver's license for an incident in March of 1989, and had a blood alcohol content of .10, which is over the state limit of .08. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Jeffery W. Colombin, 41, was charged with driving while license revoked for an incident May 24 by the Collinsville Police Department. Colombin allegedly was driving in Collinsville with a financial out-of-control conviction in Sept., 1996 DUI conviction in Okmulgee, Okla. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Nedra R. Matthews, 41, was charged with two counts of forgery for incidents April 22 and April 24 by the Madison Police Department. Matthews allegedly wrote checks for \$150 and \$100 from another's account, and cashed them at Union Planters Bank in Madison. Bond was set at \$35,000 for each charge.

Adam J. Schaack, 18, was charged with burglary for an incident Aug. 31, 1998 by the Glen Carbon Police Department. Schaack allegedly broke into an automobile with the intent to commit theft. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Gerry A. Armbruster, 25, was charged with burglary for an incident Feb. 15 by the Madison Police Department. Armbruster allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Larry Hrabusicki, 19, was charged with aggravated battery for an incident May 15 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Hrabusicki allegedly did great bodily harm to Dan Deist by hitting him in the head with a metal pipe. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Proposal allows park district vote

System of regional parks, trails being proposed in Missouri, Illinois

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Backers of a regional park and trails district said their dream of a string of parks stretching from Jersey County through five counties in Illinois and six counties in Missouri came a step closer with legislation passed earlier this month in the Illinois Legislature.

The legislation allows county boards to place referendums on the ballot for a one-tenth cent sales tax to fund a metropolitan park district.

State Reps. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, and Ron Stephens, R-Troy, sponsored the legislation in the Illinois House. State Sen. James Clayborne, D-East St. Louis, was the Senate sponsor.

Backers envision using the funds to develop and maintain a network of interconnected parks in the Metro East area and to improve local parks and recreation facilities.

Parks along the rivers tend to fit naturally into a series of parks, connected by a series of trails, said Bob Hall, executive director of Gateway Parks and Trails 2004.

"Rivers tend to be a natural conduit for interconnected parks, and this area is honeycombed with an awful lot of rivers," Hall said.

He said the connections are expected to encourage more people to use the parks. About half the money from the sales

tax would fund the trails and the park district. The other half could be used within the parks.

Hall said his organization, which is pushing for the linear park system, has contacted county board chairmen informally to ask for their support.

They tend to favor the idea, he said. Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said he is behind the idea.

"I think it's a good deal. It gives the citizens a choice on whether they want to join other Metro East counties in a district made up of parks and trails," Papa said.

Five counties on the Illinois side of the river are included in the proposed district: Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Clinton and Jersey. Another six counties on the Missouri side would be included.

Hall said his organization's next step is to begin contacting members of the public to see how they would like the district to be constituted. A series of meetings will be held.

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Summer school lunch program ended

State cuts off funding because low-income children not served

By Michael Hell
Staff writer

A free lunch program that would have fed hundreds of low-income children in the Granite City School District this summer went by the wayside as the state cut off its funding.

"This is a program for low-income kids, and the district is not offering it in an area where low-income kids reside," said Pat Thornton, administrator for financial outreach services for the Illinois State Board of Education.

"Tight restrictions are mandatory to ensure that the neediest children are being fed."

According to the state board, districts are eligible for funding only if the program is set up in a location where at least half of the students

receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year. The program was moved this year to Granite City High School, where less than a quarter of the students were eligible. Last summer, it was offered out of Marshall Elementary School, where about 6,000 meals were served.

Brad Eavenson, director of building services for the Granite City School District, said the program was moved to the high school because Marshall had a small, heated kitchen and renovation work is under way at Coolidge Middle and Niedringhaus Elementary schools. Also, the high school is centrally located and has air conditioning, he said.

"It seemed like the proper thing to do for the children, but evidently the state thought differently," Eavenson said. Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen called the state's decision red

tape at its best. "I think that it's really bureaucracy," Balen said.

"They want us to feed kids, but they want to put up certain bureaucratic restrictions."

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SIU happy with funds

By Sanford Schmidt
Staff writer

SIU officials are happy with increased state funding of more than \$10 million for the coming year.

"It is an excellent budget," Southern Illinois University President Ted Sanders said. "The governor had said that higher education would be one of his highest priorities, and I think we need to thank our legislators for keeping it a high priority."

The SIU share of state money will make up almost \$219 million of a budget estimated to be more than \$500 million.

The increases announced by Sanders are aside from any Illinois FIRST funds that may be in the pipeline, said Elaine Hyden, vice president for planning and budget services. Illinois First is Gov. George Ryan's massive revenue and infrastructure plan approved by the General Assembly.

The higher education budget statewide will see an overall \$127 million increase.

"SIU's share will go for library books, salaries, new

initiatives and deferred maintenance," said Garrett L. Deakin, SIU's executive assistant for government relations.

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Costello: Residents worried about Medicare, Kosovo

Congressman hears concerns of constituents

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Social Security, Medicare and the air war in Kosovo topped a list of residents' concerns heard Tuesday by U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville.

Costello met with about a half-dozen constituents Tuesday at his Granite City office.

"People are concerned, especially people 55 and older, about the future of Social Security and Medicare," he said.

Costello said he recently visited an elderly woman who was having trouble with her benefits, and that is typical of many of the people he sees.

While dealing with individuals having trouble with the bureaucracy is a large part of the workload for Costello and his staff, fixing the overall system proves to be more difficult. He said the U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to use most of an expected \$100 billion budget surplus at the end of this fiscal year, Sept. 30, to shore up the Social Security system.

While many people are concerned about current issues, he said, major problems are expected in the future.

"We feel Medicare is fixed for seven to nine years, and Social Security is in good shape for about the next 20 years," he said. "I stress this all the time: People who are drawing Social Security today, their checks are in jeopardy. It's those of us who are in the work force — baby boomers. There are 70 million of us who will become eligible for

Social Security and Medicare; that's when we run into major problems."

He said there are now three people paying into the system for every one person receiving a check. By the year 2025, that will change to two people paying per each person receiving benefits.

"From everything I can tell — the briefings I have been in — (military officials) believe that the bombing campaign is doing severe damage to (Yugoslavian President Slobodan) Milosevic, and it's only a matter of time before he comes to the peace table and agrees to NATO's conditions in order to stop the bombing," Costello said.

Costello said he is in sharp disagreement with President Clinton over continuing the bombing campaign and the possibility of using ground troops. He said that while Clinton has said he will not suspend the bombing campaign, "I think if (Milosevic) offers to withdraw his troops, I think we want to suspend the bombing campaign for 72 hours."

Costello said the United States can monitor troop movements on the ground and would know within a few hours if those troops are leaving the area. If not, he said, the air war could be resumed quickly.

"I don't see how we lose by allowing him the opportunity to withdraw his troops," Costello said. "It makes sense. There are literally thousands of innocent people who are being killed as a result of the bombing campaign."

Costello also said he "adamantly" opposes the use of U.S. ground troops, either for a ground campaign or as a peacekeeping force.



Bear contest winner

Ten-year-old Samantha Vandaveer of Granite City recently won Build-A-Bear Workshop's Bear Naming Contest. Her entry, "Bearmy," was chosen from among 10,000 submitted. Samantha, shown here with the official mascot that she named, is a fifth-grader at Niedringhaus School.

Home fire may have been set

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

A fire that severely damaged a home in the 2500 block of Madison Avenue Thursday afternoon is being investigated by the Granite City Police Department as a possible arson.

Damage to the house at 2517 Madison was estimated at \$25,000. Two teen-agers, ages 15 and 19, were inside

the home but were not injured.

According to a police report, the fire may have started at about noon near the back porch, spreading quickly to the roof. The 19-year-old became aware of the fire when the television he was watching flipped off. He moved toward his 15-year-old sister's room to see if her TV also had shut off. Passing the master bedroom, he saw the ceiling in flames. The teens ran to a neighbor's home to dial 911.

Fire Capt. Ed Hagnauer said when firefighters arrived, all they saw was smoke.

"It was billowing everywhere," Hagnauer said. "We wound up chasing the fire rather to rafter because there were three types of ceiling structures involved."

Margie Black, who lives in the area, was walking her dog when she saw people gathering near the home.

"I was concerned about the persons inside, if there were any," she said. "I was going to run up and knock on the door, but I heard a lot of sirens back that way."

The fire department were called. According to the police report, a gas can might have been used to ignite the fire.

Gun control not answer to school violence, Costello says

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Although there may need to be some "reasonable" changes in the law to prevent children's access to firearms, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello said the solution to the problem of school violence is not more gun control legislation.

Recent shooting incidents have drawn attention to the subject of violence in schools, and most of the legislative focus has been on gun control.

"I predicted there would be members of Congress calling for more

gun control legislation," he said. But Costello, D-Belleville, said he doesn't think the problem can be solved by state or federal legislation.

"I think it begins in the home, and it continues on in the community," he said.

"If we're going to be doing anything in Congress, what we ought to be doing is giving resources to parents and teachers in our schools to allow families to spend more time together," he added.

Costello said legislation that will help families stabilize and spend more time together, such as increasing the minimum wage, a national health care

system and money for school counselors and programs to deal with troubled youths, will have a bigger impact.

"If we want to change what is going on in our communities for the better, and to bring families together and strengthen them, we need to pay decent wages in the workplace, we need safe working conditions, we need to have health care for our families so they can spend more time together," he said. "The same people who are calling for gun control legislation are some of the very members who will vote against increasing the minimum wage, who will vote against a national

health care system for middle- and low-income families."

He said schools need more counselors "who can sit down with children who have problems or are troubled," and must have the resources to deal with those children.

"People will not complain about building more prisons, but when you try to come up for additional funds for more counselors at school or drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, they're opposed to that," he said. "What we need to do is try to detect and stop the problem at an early age, as opposed to

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Smog problem not likely to go away any time soon

Pollutants from St. Louis affect area towns

By Thomas Wrausmann
Staff writer

Seriously high levels of smog in some area towns are likely to continue as long as pollutants are produced by vehicles and factories in St. Louis, said John Thompson of the Illinois Environmental Council.

Smog, also called ground ozone, develops in rising temperatures when emissions from businesses and vehicles turn into the lung irritant, Thompson said. The smog season just started roughly two weeks ago, so current statistics don't reflect the problem, he said, adding smog rises with summer temperatures.

Jerseyville and Edwardsville actually had more days with seriously high amounts of smog last summer than the city of Chicago. Jerseyville had six, Edwardsville had five, Wood River had two and Alton had one, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency statistics show.

However, Thompson emphasized it is not the fault of area communities. He said they are downwind from St. Louis. Communities around the city of Chicago, such as Zion, have the same problem.

Jerseyville Mayor Jerry Wittman said it's a definite problem, but it is up to state and federal leaders to solve it. Wittman said the Jerseyville City Council has plenty of issues to work on locally.

"There's nothing you can do," Wittman said.

To combat the problem, the federal EPA moved last year to require a sharp reduction in smog-forming pollution by coal-burning power plants, which generate electricity, and other big polluters.

However, a federal court recently decided to delay the tougher rules, but didn't refute the scientific evidence behind it, Thompson said. The move would have required major changes in emissions by 2003.

"Last year, you could point at some real efforts to reduce smog, but this year that is

in doubt," he said. "It basically delays it until the court hears the whole case."

In the meantime, Thompson said, roughly 5,500 people a year in Illinois die from illnesses caused or aggravated by air pollution. He said smog increases allergic reactions and is dangerous for people with lung and heart problems, including asthma and bronchitis.

"Last year, if you can believe it, was a good year for smog in Illinois (compared to some previous years)," Thompson said. "A lot depends on the weather."

The two major culprits are vehicles and industry smokestacks, Thompson said. "We've got to deal with both," he said. Other lesser contributors are small businesses, such as dry cleaners, printers, lawn mowers, tractors, barges and other off-road sources.

The EPA considers unhealthy amounts of ground ozone, over an eight-hour period, to be roughly more than 85 parts per billion. Last summer Jerseyville had days of 102, 97, 95, 91, 88 and 87.

Edwardsville had readings of 96 once, 91 twice, 88 once and 86 twice, while Wood River had readings of 94 and 86; Alton had one reading of 88.

Asthma symptoms begin to be triggered at around 80 parts per billion or higher. However, Thompson said even average levels of summer smog, below 80, can trigger problems.

Without the tougher standards, the problem will only get worse, he said. "We're going to end up with power plants continuing to pollute at huge levels," Thompson said.

Jerseyville's eight-hour readings from this May 20 to May 27 were 73, 86, 82, 41, 50 and 48 parts per billion, which reflects relatively low temperatures. Edwardsville's were 69, 52, 64, 43, 39, 44 and 50 parts per billion. Recent readings for Wood River and Alton were similar.

SIUE will seek three new programs

Three new programs will be requested for the Edwardsville campus when the Southern Illinois University board of trustees meets Thursday.

The programs are: a bachelor of science major in manufacturing engineering; a master of science major in construction; and a bachelor of arts and sciences major in criminal justice studies.

The programs are a high priority and, if approved by trustees, will be sent to state officials in a request for funding in the fiscal year 2001, which begins July 1, 2000. SIUE Chancellor David Werner said SIUE submitted a request last year for a manufacturing engineering program.

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The workshop, offered through the SIUE Department of Theater and Dance, is part

of the university's Summer Arts '99 program. It offers training in commercials, television drama and corporate training video styles and will be performed on camera, videotaped and critiqued. The workshop also includes "cold reading/quick-study"

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By Scott C. Staff writer

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Six charged after all-in melee

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Six people were charged with mob action and related offenses after what police described as a "melee" in the Venice Homes Apartments late Thursday.

Venue police will be seeking felony charges against one man, David Maples. All the others were charged with misdemeanors.

Maples, who gave an address in the Venice Homes

Apartments, was initially charged with two counts each of aggravated assault and aggravated battery, four counts of resisting arrest, and one count each of mob action and attempting to flee police.

Four other adults were charged, and one juvenile was charged and taken to the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center.

Mescha L. Woods, 17, was charged with disorderly conduct, creating a disturbance and mob action.

Melvin Cole Sr., 52, was charged with obstructing a police officer, disorderly conduct, disobeying a lawful command, assault, and mob action.

Melvin Cole Jr., 18, was charged with mob action, disorderly conduct, creating a disturbance and battery. Patricia Woods, 44, was charged with mob action, disobeying a lawful command, disorderly conduct, assault, and obstructing a peace officer.

The juvenile, a 16-year-old girl, was charged with mob action, inciting a riot, assault, disorderly conduct, obstructing a peace officer, disobeying a lawful command, and aggravated battery.

According to reports, the incident allegedly started when an officer on patrol in the Venice Homes neighborhood told a group of men to disperse. One of the men, later identified as David Maples, allegedly refused to cooperate with and cursed the officer, and related and attempted to flee after being placed under arrest.

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Most perennials will bloom for a few weeks. Some bloom longer and may produce a second, less intense bloom if the plants are cut back after the first display fades.

Others are grown strictly for their foliage, and these provide interest during the times when flowering is at a minimum.

The color possibilities are virtually endless, and naturally, the color scheme in your garden is entirely up to you. Select the colors and combinations you like best.

Another factor that must be taken into consideration when planning a perennial garden is height and shape. A 2-foot tall plant in front of one that grows to only six inches wouldn't create the ideal garden. It's sort of like arranging all the relatives for the family photo. Taller ones in the back, please.

Perennials have different requirements as to light, soil and moisture. If the plants you choose all have the same care requirements, life will be much easier for you and the plants. If you desire plants that have different needs, try to at least group the similar ones together.

Okay, if you're ready to plant, here's how to do it. Spread a 2" to 4" layer of peat moss, compost or manure over the soil. Then apply a flowering plant fertilizer. Work these items into the soil, tilling to a depth of at least 8 inches. Rake the bed after tilling to remove large clumps and to make a smooth planting bed.

You can sow seeds, put in transplants, or even divide existing perennials. Buy seeds if you want some perennials that aren't commonly sold as transplants. Sow seeds

according to the packet directions. Perennial seeds will sprout next spring and slowly fill space in the garden.

Divisions, known as young plants separated from the parent plant, will fill in space quickly. You can take divisions from your own plants or exchange them with a friend or neighbor. When you divide perennials, you're separating the plant crown or grouping of bulbs into segments. Here are some ways to divide perennials.

Dig up the plant. Insert two spading forks back to back into the clump and using the fork handles together, pry the clump apart. For tightly massed perennials like daylily and phlox, dig up the clump and chop it into squares with a shovel or spade. Some perennials, such as hosta, form multiple crowns. To divide them, remove only the young, out-lying segments, leaving the parent plant in place.

After dividing, plant the segments as you would any perennial. You don't have to plant just perennials; bulbs and annuals make good additions also.

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Obituaries

Edward R. Hoffman

EDWARD R. HOFFMAN, 52, of Granite City died at 3 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, 1999, at Collinville Care Center.

He was born Dec. 25, 1946, in Lexington, Va., and worked as a computer technician at McDonnell Douglas.

Survivors include two sons, Alan Hoffman and Edward Hoffman, both of Granite City; two daughters, Deanna Hoffman of Norfolk, Va., and Wendy Hoffman of Granite City; a sister, Carol Hoffman of California; and three grandchildren, Matthew Hoffman, Jessica Hoffman and Kaelyn Blunt.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Hoffman, and his parents, Andrew Kontros Hoffman and Hazel Geiger Hoffman.

Funeral services were June 4 at St. John Cemetery with the Rev. Rose Harriott officiating.

Gerald Elliott

GERALD H. "TOY" "HY-POCK-ETS" ELLIOTT, 73, of Hamburg, formerly of Granite City, died at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 28, 1999, in Hamburg.

He was born July 22, 1925, in Washington County, Kan.

He retired in 1957 from Terminal Rail Road, Kansas. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his mother, Lilly Gouby Elliott of Flak, Mo.; four sons, Larry Elliott of Silkeston, Mo., Edward Elliott of Granite City, Bob Elliott of Fort Knox, and Tommy Elliott of Town Creek, Ark.; six daughters, Madeline Cook of Alton, Mary Cagle of Granite City, Paula Parker of Fairview Heights, Kathy Voyles of Wayne City, Patricia Fritcher of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Sherry Dink of Hartsville, Mo.; and two granddaughters, John and Walter Elliott, both of Flak, James Elliott of Fayetteville, Mo., and Douglas Elliott of Madison, Mo.; four sisters, Juanita Davis of Carrollton, Ga., Shirley Stoford and Myra Deyers, both of Flak, and Marie Williams of House Springs, Mo.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Martin Elliott, a son, Gerald L. Elliott, and a daughter, Barbara Jean Elliott.

Services were Wednesday at White Funeral Home in Flak, with the Rev. Vernon Currey officiating.

Marilyn L. Viessman

MARILYN L. (FLOYD) VIESSMAN, 62, of Mitchell died at 5:24 a.m. Friday, May 28, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born March 15, 1937.

She was a bartender at the 12th Street Tavern in Madison.

Survivors include her parents, George W. and Mildred (Hawkins) Floyd of Granite City; a son, Michael Viessman of Granite City; two brothers, Maurice Floyd of Granite City, and Wesley Floyd of Bethesda, Md.; and a sister, Tina Galbierz of Edwardsville.

Services were May 30 at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. David Noland officiating. Burial was in Piggott (Ark.) Gardens.

Lavonna Ely

LAVONNA P. "BONNIE" ANDERSON, 84, of Edwardsville died at 9:23 p.m. Saturday, May 29, 1999, at her residence. She was born July 30, 1914, in Vernon.

She was a retired nurse's aide. Survivors include four sons, Eugene Ely of Edwardsville, Terry Ely of Ponton Beach, Craig Ely of

Lexington, Va., and Jeff Ely of Troy; two sisters, Frances Johnson and Jean Hill, both of New Glasgow; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Daisy (Dillon) Anderson; her husband, Eugene Paul Ely, and a grandson, Nicolas Ely.

A graveside service was Thursday, June 3, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, with the Rev. Tom Meredith officiating.

Lester Wilson

LESTER DALE WILSON, 58, of Collinsville died Friday, May 28, 1999, at his residence. He was born May 25, 1941, in Advance, Mo.

He was a heavy equipment operator for Operating Engineers Local 520 in Granite City and a member of Eagle Aerie 1051 in Collinsville.

Survivors include three sons, Gordon and Danny Wilson, both of Collinsville, and Nick Wilson of O'Fallon; a daughter, Darlene Wilson of Collinsville; two half brothers, Darrell Scott of Swansea, and Cledis Scott of Collinsville; and one daughter, Geneva Mattes of Caseyville; six grandchildren, Matthew, Jennifer, Michelle and Daniel Dale Wilson II, all of Collinsville, and Nicolas and Amber Wilson, both of O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Leon and Leona Hill Wilson; two half brothers, Virgil and Lloyd Scott; and a half sister, Veda Rising.

Services were Wednesday, June 2, at Herbert B. Kasky Funeral Home in Collinsville, with the Rev. Jeffrey Gowen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Edward Holik Sr.

EDWARD HOLIK, 69, of California, Pa., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, May 27, 1999, in California. He was born Nov. 20, 1930, in Granite City, where he had lived most of his life.

Mr. Holik worked as a laborer for demolition companies and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include five sons, Edward Jr., Jason, Jeffery, Brian and Kevin Holik, all of Granite City; and five daughters, Joe Carl and Johnny Holik, all of Granite City, Susan Holik of Ponton Beach, and Les Holik of Augusta, Ga.

Services were Wednesday, June 2, at White Funeral Home in Ponton Beach, with the Rev. Eddie Linhart of Granite City Fourquare Church officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Ivy Opal Sullivan

BULBURN, 72, of Granite City died at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, 1999, at her residence. She was born April 6, 1927, in Webster Groves, Mo.

She was a transporter at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Charles Ray of Eureka, Mo.; a daughter, Sandra Carter of Granite City; four brothers, Richard Brookes of Robertsville, Mo., Redith Brookes of Pacific, Mo., Roger Brookes of Cook Station, Mo., and Dorsey Brookes of House Springs, Mo.; a sister, Edith Dautridge of Swansea, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, June 2, at Warner Chapel in Ponton Beach with the Rev. Wayne Schockley officiating. Burial was in Bethany Cemetery in Irbie, Mo.

Mr. Lloyd retired in 1980 from Granite City Steel where he worked in the round house in maintenance. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church and Steelworkers Local 30.

He married the former Ruth King in 1950. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Charles Lloyd of Clinton Township, Mich.; two brothers, John Lloyd of Granite City, and Eugene Lloyd of Paducah; three sisters, Lena Buck-Ingram of Granite City, Anna Roberts of Clinton Township, and Dorothy Fuller of Dallas; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Mylea J. (Genderson) Lloyd; a son, Jackie Lloyd; four brothers, Bob Lloyd, Larry Lloyd, Jim Lloyd and Ivo Lloyd; and a sister, Cathline Cooper.

Services were Saturday, June 5, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Carl Watkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville. Memorials to the church are suggested.

Other survivors include a son, Charles Lloyd of Clinton Township, Mich.; two brothers, John Lloyd of Granite City, and Eugene Lloyd of Paducah; three sisters, Lena Buck-Ingram of Granite City, Anna Roberts of Clinton Township, and Dorothy Fuller of Dallas; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Eddie Hayes

EDDIE LEE HAYES, 33, of Springfield, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died at 1:27 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 1999, in Springfield. He was born Aug. 8, 1965, in Granite City and had lived there until moving to Springfield five years ago.

Mr. Hayes had worked as a laborer.

Survivors include his parents, Violet (Wallace) Hayes of Springfield, Tenn., and Bobby Hayes of Dover, Tenn.; and two sisters, Tracy Hayes of Valley Park, Mo., and Tanya Hayes of Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Queenie and Byrd Wallace.

Services were Wednesday, May 26, in Springfield. Burial was in the Dover (Tenn.) Cemetery.

Memorials to Violet Hayes, c/o Helen Shutt, 1017 17th Ave. East, Springfield, Tenn., 37172, are suggested.

Leonard Beauchamp

LEONARD BENJAMIN BEAUCHAMP, infant son of Nathaniel and Carrie Crockett, died Saturday, May 29, 1999, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton.

Other survivors include two half sisters, Veronica and Lind Beauchamp, both of Alton; his maternal grandparents, Sandra Troyer of Wood River, and Daniel Crockett of Bethalto; paternal grandparents, Linda and Stanley Parker of Hartford; and his great-grandparents, Charles and Victoria Parker, all of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Leonard Lay Sr. and Marjorie and Charles Troyer.

Graveside services were Wednesday, June 2, at Sunset Hills Memorial Estates, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Warner Chapel of Ponton Beach handled arrangements.

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Suffrage drive showed power of grass-roots

Determination, persistence changed political landscape

By Meredith McGehee
The year was 1920. Finally, after nearly a century of dogged activism, women were given a basic right: the right to vote.
The passage of the 19th Amendment, which extended to women the right to vote, was one of the most significant political and social changes of the 20th century. It also was one of the most extraordinary examples of how citizens banding together at the grass-roots level could create change against powerful odds.
The women's suffrage movement is considered a model of perseverance in service of social change, and with good reason. Women's suffrage in the United States took root in the abolitionist movement, sparked by the refusal of the 1840 World's Anti-Slavery Convention in London to seat female delegates. American activists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott began to see similarities between their own limited status and that of slaves.
After the Civil War, many women hoped that their work during the war and opposition to slavery would be rewarded with the vote. They were bitterly disappointed. When black men were granted the right to vote, famed abolitionist Sojourner Truth protested that by failing to enfranchise women, the government had simply made men masters over women.

Yet the suffrage movement continued, and the women who pressed for their right to vote persevered against a powerful political establishment and their own infighting and sharp disagreements about procedure. Activists lobbied state and national government officials and toured the country, educating citizens about their cause and enlisting support. They developed some decidedly un-ladylike tactics. Suffragettes were the first activists to picket the White House. Standing silently, they held placards reading: "Mr. President, What Will You Do For Women's Suffrage?" and "How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?" When picketers were arrested and jailed, they protested with hunger strikes.
By the turn of the century, after some 60 years of work, many suffragettes felt that while they had made some progress, their goal remained elusive. In her last public appearance before her death, Susan B. Anthony, one of the movement's greatest reformers, stood before a small group of activists and urged them to press on despite the odds, telling them, "With all the help of people like we have in this room, failure is impossible."

Over the years, Anthony's words have become the oft-heard rallying cry for countless grass-roots issues, but at the time it was a motivating force that kept the pressure on and reinvigorated those who felt that the cause was lost. Slowly, ever so slowly, the tide turned, and with pressure from citizens, more and more states began to grant women the right to vote in state and local races. Eventually, President Woodrow Wilson, Congress and other leaders conceded the inevitability of change.

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote was enacted.
The 19th Amendment was a signal event in two important American political movements: the struggle for women's rights and the fight to make government honest and accountable to its citizens.

It also helped open the door to a new era in American politics, one where women participated both as voters and as candidates. Within just a few years of suffrage, the first women governors were elected in Wyoming and Texas. In 1929, the first woman was appointed a federal judge. By the early 1930s, women had been elected to the U.S. Senate and appointed to the President's Cabinet.

The determined activism of the suffragettes did not end with the passage of the 19th Amendment. Instead, it was just the first action in what became a century of activism on behalf of the rights of women, including the ongoing fight to ensure equal opportunity in the workplace and the right of female students to participate fully in school and athletic activities.

Like many other battles, the women's suffrage movement showed that achieving fundamental change requires determination, persistence and courage, sometimes over generations. Women's suffrage changed the political landscape in America and gave hope to others struggling for fairness and equality.

Meredith McGehee is legislative director of Common Cause.



Bicycling a viable transportation mode

By Maurice Williams Jr.
The League of American Bicyclists encourages all individuals to experience the benefits of bicycling throughout the warmer months ahead.

Locally, the St. Clair County Highway Department has partnered with Trailnet Inc. to promote bicycle transportation and to encourage area residents to ride their bicycles to the antinatal MetroLink stations and the neighboring bike path, MetroBikeLink.

The benefits of bicycle transportation far outweigh the risks and provide more choices in meeting your transportation needs, especially for trips that are five miles and less.

The following suggestions can make your bike trips practical, fun and safe.

• **Be educated.** All cyclists are required to obey all traffic control signs, signals and devices. Cyclists should educate themselves on their state and local laws regarding bicycle use upon roadways.

• **Plan your route.** Choose a route that is appropriate for your bicycle skill level. Do not "figure out as you go." You will put yourself and other vehicles at risk.

• **Be visible.** Never assume you have been seen by motorists around you. Always scan and be aware of all forms of traffic around you. Be bold about giving arm signals. Wear reflective clothing or light-colored clothing.

• **Road hazards.** Learn to anticipate drain grates, potholes and debris before you get to them. Give traffic some advance signal before stopping

or changing lanes to avoid a hazard. A bike commuter always should have the tools and resources to repair a flat and some way to transport those repair tools.

• **Intersections.** Even when you have the right-of-way, always reduce speed and survey all traffic approaching or waiting at intersections. Be prepared to stop suddenly for a motorist, pedestrian or cyclist who may not see you.

• **Parked cars.** To avoid a collision with an opening car door or a car pulling away without signaling, never ride closer than three feet to a parked car or row of cars. Do not weave in between parked

cars. Ride in a straight line: Motorists will have a sense of calm if you demonstrate safe and consistent cycling behavior.

• **Bad weather.** Pavement will be slick in rain, especially on painted stripes. Brakes will work differently.

• **Dogs.** If you commute regularly, sooner or later you will be harassed by a dog. Try voicing a firm command, such as "Stay!" If the dog persists, dismount and try to keep the bike between you and the dog.

• **Helmets.** Don't ride without a helmet that fits properly and receives at least one of the certifications set forth by the Snell Foundation, American Society for Testing

Materials, or the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

• **Mirrors.** Using a mirror will not take the place of looking over your shoulder but will help you determine whether a motorist is nearby. Don't totally rely on your ears to tell you if a motorist is approaching — wind may block the sound.

• **Headphones.** Although not prohibited by law, headphones are not safe to use while bicycling. Headphones block sounds a cyclist should hear (emergency vehicles, etc.) and puts you at risk for accident or injury.

Maurice Williams Jr. is the MetroBike program manager for Trailnet Inc. of St. Louis.

Train accidents can be prevented

By Secretary of State Jesse White

Accidents that occur at railroad crossings can be prevented by always looking and listening for oncoming trains. Drive as though you expect a train to be approaching at any time on any track.

In 1998, 21 people were killed in 16 accidents at railroad crossings in Illinois. In 1999, there already have been 21 people killed in 10 accidents.

Question: What warning signs or markings will alert you that a railroad grade crossing is near?

Answer: A round, yellow sign with a black X and two Rs is located 750 feet before a crossing.

As you near the tracks, a solid yellow line will indicate that passing is

prohibited. Some crossings also have gates and cross-buck signs with flashing red lights. If there is more than one track, the number of tracks is shown on the sign below the cross-buck.

Question: What if I am on the tracks when the gates begin to lower?

Answer: Do not stop or try to back up. The warning signals allow you ample time to drive over the crossing before the train arrives. There are no gates on the other side to block you.

When following another vehicle, a halt in the flow of traffic can trap you on the tracks. Avoid this situation by making sure there is room for you on the other side of the tracks before you enter the crossing.

New marijuana makes run for customers

By J.W. "Skip" Bennett
I am expecting a continued plethora of inventive from "pot advocates."
Some will even take such statement of fact that in Western Canada hydroponic marijuana (25 percent higher in THC than our Metro East pot) is selling even up for a pound of cocaine. Indeed, the later cocaine is higher on the devil's apothecary.

Alas, the new "pot" is making a run for customers. Kids are our most precious resource and also the most vulnerable of customers in perpetuity. Pot lovers will never concede that their advocacy by design or by usage makes this garbage plentiful and cheap for kids.

I am a board member of the Illinois Drug Education Alliance, a former St. Louis and St. Louis County officer and founder of the two-year Belleville Area College Academic Law Enforcement Program and a recipient of the Governor's Training Award of Excellence with more than 36 years in the Administration of Justice.

That said, let's go to war with these facts:
1. Today's marijuana through creative pot-farming techniques is 30 percent stronger than the pot smoked at Woodstock in 1969.
2. Daily use of one to three joints appears to produce approximately the same lung damage and potential cancer risk as smoking five times as many

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3. A five-year study on juvenile delinquents found 80 percent were dependent on marijuana.

4. California decriminalized marijuana in 1976 and within the first six months, DUI's that were drug related rose 46 percent for adults and 71 percent for juveniles.

5. Heavy pot smokers are 85 times more likely to use cocaine than nonpot smokers.

6. Sixty-six of the 400 chemicals in marijuana are fat-soluble cannabinoids that are attached to fat molecules where they remain embedded for months at a time, such as lungs, liver, kidneys, adrenal glands, ovaries, testicles and the brain.

7. The bus driver involved in the recent

crash in the South that killed some 30 senior citizens women had marijuana in his system.

8. Smoking marijuana depresses the immune system.

9. AIDS patients who smoke marijuana have a death rate of two times higher than AIDS patients who do not use marijuana.

10. Is there any harm giving sick people marijuana as medicine? Yes. Marijuana has not been approved as a safe and effective medicine by the FDA.

11. No medicine is smoked. Smoke contains many harmful and carcinogenic toxins.

Lastly, I am for enhanced federal spending for research that will lead to an elixir we need for those who are suffering from debilitating pain.

Indeed, this is compassionate research that plays on solid ice and not the spring slush the "pot apologists" soon will tout in the Midwest to legalize medical marijuana.

Alleviate suffering through solid medical practices, but don't let this "pot camel" stick his head under our tent. For sure, the full beast will follow, and this camel, like the pied piper of myth, will steal our kids. My major war is about keeping kids off of drugs. What is yours?

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Young will benefit from state spending, Ryan says

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

With the din of applause echoing through a packed gymnasium Wednesday, Gov. George Ryan told students they would be the main beneficiaries of his newly signed, record-busting budget.

"You're the next governors and presidents and senators," he told the assembled students at Woodland Elementary School in Edwardsville.

"And you have to be prepared." With fanfare that repeated scenes Ryan had gone through earlier in the day in Chicago and Decatur, he signed the \$42.8 billion budget with a series of pens that he later handed out to children. The signing sets the stage for record spending for roads and education in coming years.

Governor comes to Edwardsville to sign budget bill

starting July 1.

Ryan, the state's top Republican, was surrounded by area Democratic legislators. He praised the bipartisan assistance needed to get the "Illinois FIRST" program passed.

"These folks right here deserve as much credit as anybody," he said.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and state Reps. Gary Hannig, D-Gillespie, Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, and Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, were among 40 or so community leaders assembled on the stage.

Ryan had been invited to Woodland by Edwardsville Schools Superintendent Ed Hightower.

"We want to raise the bar and

assure you that our educational system will improve under our administration," Hightower told Ryan.

During his gubernatorial campaign last fall, Ryan pledged to dedicate at least 51 percent of new state revenues to education; this budget goes beyond that pledge at 57 percent, he said.

That represents \$530 million in new dollars, Ryan said.

About \$8 billion is going for education overall, about 7 percent more than last year.

Ryan said \$10 million of that will be used to hire 10,000 new teachers during the next four years to help

reduce the number of children per

class.

Another \$29 million will go to reading and early childhood programs, he said.

Ryan's deputy governor for education, Hazel Loucks of Edwardsville, noted that Ryan "has done more in his first six months than any governor in the last 48 years."

Ryan also is the first governor to visit Edwardsville schools in 25 years, she said.

Next year's budget lays the groundwork for Ryan's five-year public works program. It includes \$3.7 billion for road and bridge repairs, \$4.1 billion for mass transit,

\$2.25 billion for school construction

and \$1.6 billion for sewers and other projects.

The budget contains the same projected \$1 billion surplus at year's end that the 1998-1999 budget has, he said.

A celebratory atmosphere pervaded the school gym Wednesday. Choirs and orchestras from the Edwardsville High School and Middle School performed, and several people took the podium to sing Ryan's praises.

John Motley, representing Richards Brick Co. in Edwardsville, was among the businessmen invited to be on stage with Ryan.

"I know it sounds old hat, but education funding is the key to the future, and it's appropriate to make sure it's there," Motley said.

Sexual abuse agency prepares to close its doors

By Bethany Behrhorst
Staff writer

Counting down the days, board members, staff and volunteers from the Sexual Assault Victims First agency in Collinsville prepare to close shop June 30.

Those affiliated with SAV-1st are in limbo still providing free services to clients while directing them to resources at other agencies. In light of problems with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the SAV-1st board recently voted unanimously not to request further funding from the state organization.

SAV-1st received 90 percent of its funding from the state coalition. Without the money, the agency is being forced to close its doors.

In April, SAV-1st was informed that a grant application for the next fiscal year was tossed out during a hearing by the state coalition's review committee. SAV-1st was given until June 9 to submit a revised application. The committee reviews grant applications from all state-funded rape and sexual abuse crisis centers in Illinois.

"It takes weeks and weeks to get a grant application ready," said Joanne Berry,

executive administrator of SAV-1st. "We never know what's coming next, and no matter what you give them, it's never enough."

Their actions are heavy-handed and capricious. There were some holes in our initial grant application, but we jumped through all the hoops for them. We're not going through this again."

Tension was high when delegates from the Madison County agency met with the state review committee. Board members said they received no direction about what measures they should take in rewriting the grant application.

"When we went to Springfield to discuss the grant application, the first thing they said was, 'We're not here to discuss your grant,'" said Berry, who also is a board member for the agency.

SAV-1st worked on three budget revisions and tinkered with making changes to the preliminary application, but without the assistance of the state coalition, SAV-1st board members said they had little direction as to what changes were necessary.

No suspects yet in string of holiday vandalism incidents in Glen Carbon

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Police have no suspects in a string of not-so-patriotic Memorial Day vandalism in Old Town and Meridian Hills in Glen Carbon Court, where a neighbor heard a vehicle at 12:18 a.m.

Seven separate incidents were reported Monday and all were believed to have happened sometime between midnight and about 6:30 a.m.

"There is no suspect in any of these," said Sgt. James Jones of the Glen Carbon Police Department. "A vehicle or person were never seen."

This is the first time (so many vandalism cases) have happened all around the same time in a long time. I would say it was the same person and they're all connected."

Four of the incidents were cases of mailbox destruction. In each incident, the pole was snapped out of the ground and the mailbox was thrown near the victim's house.

They reportedly occurred: In the 100 block of Sunset Avenue between midnight and 6:30

a.m.; in the first block of Olivia Lane, where a neighbor reportedly heard a car driving off at 2:30 a.m.; another nearby in the first block of Olivia Lane between 1 and 5:30 a.m.; and in the first block of Katie Lynn Court, where a neighbor heard a vehicle at 12:18 a.m.

Reported at 1 p.m. on Memorial Day was a toppled deer ornament in a yard in the 200 block of Madison Avenue.

A resident also discovered an American flag that had been thrown into the yard. Police later discovered the flag had been removed from in front of the old Hamp's Quick Way convenient store on South Main Street.

The Randall Steele Law Office in the 200 block of West Main Street sustained broken glass from the front door, but police said there were no signs of an attempted break-in or missing items. The damage was reported at 9:37 a.m.

Also, a light post was bent and dented in front of a house in the 100 block of Sunset

Avenue sometime between midnight and 6:30 a.m.

Jones said he doesn't believe the incidents were related to several reports of vandalism in Edwardsville over the weekend, but added that the investigation will continue.

Gun control proposals opposed

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waiting until it gets out of hand and then building prisons to house these people at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars."

Costello did not rule out some additional controls, saying there are some "reasonable things that could be done."

He cited legislation requiring safety locks on firearms, and raising the legal age to own handguns to 21.

"I think those are reasonable things, but my judgment is when you get into gun control, normally what we're doing is penalizing law-abiding citizens," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of those who possess and legally own guns do not abuse them. They don't use them in crimes, they don't leave them laying around the house."

"I don't want to infringe on their constitutional rights," he added. "It is the few, the handful, that cause these problems, and we need to deal with that."

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English novelist Edward Bulwer-Lytton wrote, "We are born for a higher destiny than that of Earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us like islands that slumber on the ocean and where the beings that now pass before us, like shadows, will stay in our presence forever."

Achieve a higher destiny for yourself and your loved ones right here on this beautiful planet we call Earth. Joy, success, contentment and peace are all available to you now no matter what situation you may be in or where you are in life.

Did you ever go on a car trip and after driving for awhile realize you were lost? So, you stop and ask directions at a service station and find out that you were not too far off course after all and continued on to your destination.

In your journey through life, though you may have gotten lost and wandered off of the course a bit, it's not too late to begin anew and take the right directions to get on the right path.

As we pass through this

A New You



Catherine Galasso

world together, let's do what we know deep in our hearts to be right. I often think of the quote, "I shall pass through this world only once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Let's follow the directions of the great Mapmaker of life who knows the simplest way to the eternal city, atop the mountain of God. Have love in your heart. No matter what life has dealt you, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." Look on all things with love. Be patient

and kind. Know that hate only grows out of fear, so trust in God.

See the handiwork of God in the tiniest snowflake to the grandest sunset. Look to nature to express his beauty and majesty. "My home is surrounded by pine trees, and there are many birds and other animal sounds to remind me that God is in control," wrote reader Dorris Cigliana. "He is watching over them and me too."

Do something nice for someone every day as you would have them do for you. It could be a simple smile or a basket of goodies. "My sister and I go to the nursing home and sing and pray for people," said reader Margie Smith. Charity is love in action.

Speak kindly. We can do so much good through the words that we speak. Words of encouragement, faith and understanding can help to transform a life. Do not waste your time or energy on mental, unimportant things. Negativity, hostility, jealousy, and strife can ruin everything about you. Guard your life. Your hours are too valuable to be wasted on worrying about what might happen, or someone's spiteful ways. Don't let anyone or

anything rain on your parade. Fulfill your own special dreams. Your potential is unlimited. Don't follow the herd or listen to the naysayers. You can have your heart's desire and live the life you've always imagined. Aim high, work hard and master the art of patience because anything of value takes time to complete.

Be thankful for the gift of today. Welcome each morning with a smile of appreciation for another chance at success. Let the wisdom of God's word and prayer set the tone for the entire day. Yesterday has passed and these precious hours are full of new opportunities and exciting possibilities spent with loved ones.

Remember, we are seated in heavenly places, far above all principalities and powers. Be not conformed to the image of this world's media. Be conformed to the master Mapmaker and you will joyfully reach your destination. Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Cruelty to animals called warning

Group says many violent criminals abused animals as kids

By Rebecca Hopkins
Staff writer

Cruelty to animals is a warning of future violence toward humans, according to an area group.

The 3rd Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council held its second annual spring training luncheon Thursday at Fox Creek Golf Course Clubhouse in Edwardsville. Phillip Snyder, director of the Central States Regional Office of the Humane Society of the United States, gave a video/slide presentation recounting the mounting evidence that violent criminals abused animals as children.

This abuse, he said, was a precursor to the violent crimes perpetrated by serial killers, child molesters and domestic battery perpetrators.

"Long before there were child protection agencies the humane societies were the first avenue of protection for children," Snyder said. "The history of animal protection agencies taking on cases of child abuse goes back to 1887. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was able to remove a child from a foster home because of abuse by proving she was at least a member of the animal kingdom."

In 1996, the Humane Society became involved in the effort to accelerate the U.S. Department of Justice's research into the connection between animal cruelty and violent criminal behavior. Special Agent Alan Brantley of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit was a participant in the proceedings and provided information on the behavior of violent criminals.

When Brantley was asked by

Humane Society officials how many serial killers had a history of abusing animals, his response was, "The real question should be, how many have not?"

In case after case, Snyder recounted recent convicted serial killers who had a history of animal cruelty as children. They included:

- Luke Woodham, the student who opened fire on his fellow students in Pearl, Miss., in 1997. Prior to killing his classmates, Woodham killed his family dog, Sparkie, by beating him to death and setting him on fire.

- Jeffrey Dahmer, the infamous serial killer from Milwaukee who cannibalized some of his victims, decapitated dogs, impaled frogs and staked cats to trees.

- Ted Bundy admitted to abusing animals and being subjected to watching his grandfather abuse animals.

- John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin, reportedly killed all the dogs and cats on his family's farm when he was an adolescent. The Humane Society describes abuse as knowingly depriving an animal of food, water, shelter, socialization or veterinary care, and maliciously maiming or killing an animal.

Snyder said that animal cruelty can be one of the earliest and most dramatic indicators that an individual is developing a pattern of seeking power and control. "We also know that animal abuse is a sign of a dysfunctional family," Snyder said. "It is often the first violent evidence that there may be other kinds of abuse going on in the home."

Muzzleloading class offered June 19 in Troy

By Curtiss Hartley
Staff writer

Local hunters and gun enthusiasts will be certified to use muzzleloading rifles after attending a June 19 class at the Edwardsville Sportsmen's Club in Troy.

Joe Wisnasky of Edwardsville is certified by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the National Rifle Association to teach the class. He has been shooting muzzleloading rifles since 1969.

"I shoot competitions," he said. "I shot at the national championships two years ago in Phoenix, Ariz., and placed 15th in the nation."

Wisnasky also is certified to teach courses on gun safety, bow hunting and home defense.

The muzzleloading certification course will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will include classroom instruction, field shooting

There is a special season designated for deer hunting with muzzleloading rifles, he said, but they can be used during the regular hunting season in Illinois for squirrels, rabbits and pheasant.

and a written test at the end of the day. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certification card and a patch showing they are eligible to participate in Illinois' muzzleloader hunting season.

The class will be limited to the first 25 people who register, and the registration fee is \$15 to cover the cost of supplies. Rifles will be provided, but those who already own a muzzleloader can bring it along. Wisnasky said participants' rifles will be inspected for safety before they can be used.

Wisnasky said the attraction of hunting with a muzzleloading rifle is that there is more sportsmanship involved.

"Since the maximum hunting distance for a muzzleloader is 80 yards for a lead ball, or up to 150 yards using a sabot," you have to get in a lot closer to your game," he said.

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season in Illinois for squirrels, rabbits and pheasant. Wisnasky said the age minimum for the course is 12 years old, but anyone under 18 must have a parent's permission to take the course.

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Track lights among many changes racegoers will see

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major events were set for those months because of heat-related problems in the track's inaugural season in 1997. Running evening races will avoid those problems. Rescheduling the races also frees up September and October for additional events, and racing on Friday evenings allows for live television coverage during prime time.

Scheduling a major race for a Friday evening also could draw more fans to the track itself because they still will have Saturday free instead of spending all day at the track.

The other big change waiting for fans in July is the completion of the new

grandstand on turn two. It will include elevators and a concourse level with restrooms and concessions.

The major improvement planned for next year is a tunnel to the infield. It will be placed where the Firestone bridge is now. "We've got all our plans done for the tunnel," said Rod Wolter, president and general manager of the track. "We're reviewing that with contractors and seeing what it is going to take and how much time it is going to take to do it."

Wolter said officials plan to start construction on the tunnel after the racing season ends in the fall. He said they also are planning additional seating, depending on what races are scheduled for the track next year. "If everything goes well

and we get the right announcements, we'll be putting in a lot of seats, probably as many as we've got now, to get the seating over 100,000," he said.

That is the figure needed to hold a Winston Cup Series race, the top flight of NASCAR racing. A major consideration in planning for such a race is parking. Plans for a 15,000- to 20,000-vehicle parking lot west of the track have been put on hold because of legal challenges, and other land now used for parking is expected to be developed eventually, possibly as hotels, restaurants and other commercial uses.

Pook said they planned to purchase more land for parking lots, and it is "not a problem, we have it handled."

New House bills will affect health care

The General Assembly recently passed two bills that will increase the time physicians can spend on patient care and free up

patients from insurance billing woes. House Bill 2713, which passed May 20, requires insurance companies and

HMOs to pay claims in a timely fashion. This will help both patients and physicians cut down on the time they spend dealing with medical bills.

House Bill 1780, which passed May 19, requires all health-care plans, including Health Maintenance Organizations, to use standardized forms for credentialing and re-credentialing physicians who participate in their plans. Physician re-credentialing will occur only once every two years for all plans instead of continuously.

TIF district changes under way

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involved in the boundary agreement with Fairmont City. The final step in that agreement — the passing of ordinances deannexing and annexing properties between the two municipalities — is expected to be approved at a special City Council meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

"There's a lot of acreage there," Madison Mayor John Hamm said of the expansion. "A lot of it has already got businesses on it that want to take advantage of the TIF."

He said putting a sewer line down Eagle Park Road for the existing businesses would be one of the priorities in the

district. The residential TIF district will include the East Madison area, as well as land near the Third Street ball diamond. It also could include the Cloverleaf Subdivision, which the city is considering annexing. "We're still doing some financial studies on that, but we had to put it in the inducement in case we did it," Hamm said.

Sewers, sidewalks and the ability to pay for most of the cost of a new fire station will be priorities of the new residential TIF district.

The city annexed the East Madison area last year. One of the improvements promised by the city would be sewer lines

to replace the septic systems now in use. Most of the Cloverleaf Subdivision is on a septic system.

The other major improvement that could be funded is a new fire station, which would be located at the old Madison Junior High School adjacent to the Third Street diamond.

Hamm said 75 percent of the cost of a new fire station — estimated at \$500,000 to \$700,000 — could be paid for using TIF funds.

Because both the original and the residential TIF districts abut, money from one district could be used to fund improvements in the other, Hamm said.

HOME Foundation helps residents

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thing more than just Christmas baskets and canned food drives," Noeth said.

Noeth was a teacher at Frohardt School at the time. She teamed up with fellow Frohardt teacher Carlene Buenger and Mitchell

"With the assistance of Madison County Community Development and the Madison County Board, we were encouraged to become a (Community Housing Development Organization)," she said.

"We qualified for HUD funds in '96, and that really gave us the springboard to talk about houses annually instead of raising money for five years and then build one house."

They entered into a partnership with the Granite City School District's Building Trades program to build houses in the city for income-eligible families. HUD's requirement for eligibility is that a family's

annual income must be 80 percent of the median for the metro St. Louis area.

"A family of four could have a maximum annual income of \$37,700," said Cheryl Joutette, director of Madison County Community Development.

Joutette said Granite City is the leader in this type of development. "There's no one else in the county that's doing it, although the city of Madison has contacted us about doing this next year."

The projected cost for the next house is about \$100,000. Joutette said Madison County Community Development allocated \$63,000 for the project that it had received from HUD, and the labor is done for free by the school district's Building Trades students.

Tom Holloway, administrative assistant for secondary education in Granite City, said the HOME Foundation's program has been a real benefit to the students.

"It used to take us two years to build one home," Holloway said. With smaller homes, he

said, the students get more experience.

"If you put in a small foundation or a large foundation, it's still the same work."

Holloway said about 30 students are involved in the program each year.

"They do three hours a day their junior year, and three hours a day their senior year," he said.

"They've built two houses by the time they graduate."

"HOME buys the land or gets it donated, and buys the materials. The instructors and students put the house up, and then they turn it back over to the foundation."

Noeth said the most recent house was designed by drafting students at Granite City High School and built by the Building Trades classes. The house is located on State Street, near 24th Street.

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Blood drive set

By Nancy L. Ide
Staff writer

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Pre-registration for the blood drive is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Donors can make appointments for the Famous Faces/Famous Places blood drive by calling (800) 583-8280 or visiting the web site www.redcrossstl.org. The Red Cross is encouraging those 17 and older to participate in the blood drive. Free parking is available in the Upper Muny lot in Forest Park. A shuttle service will take donors and their families to the Zoo.

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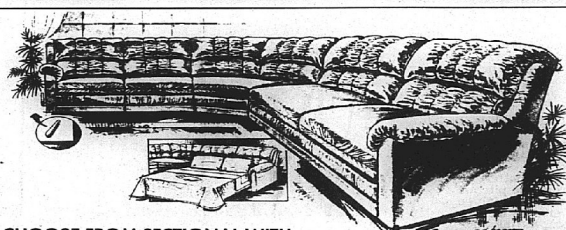
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Standings, scores from Park District softball

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Standings, results for baseball and softball

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Softball committee has issues to discuss

When Belleville East girls softball coach Rita Menke gained a place on the Illinois High School Association softball advisory committee three years ago, her main goal was to get an explanation of why teams were not seeded like other sports.

While that remains a concern, she at least has seen the Belleville softball powers — East, Althoff and West and neighboring O'Fallon divided with two teams in each regional tournament rather than all four in one.



Art Voelklinger
Sports Views

Other concerns remain, though, for the coach of state championship teams in 1989 and '95. And, believe it or not, it's the softball — which apparently is not so soft — that has drawn Menke's attention. "The IHSAA always stresses safety, but I don't think the ball we use currently is the safest," Menke said. "We had a player (senior Emily Carroll) break the thumb of her right (throwing) hand when she was struck by a bad hop in the outfield at practice."

According to Menke, the ball stays hard too long. She has heard complaints from other coaches about what the ball does to metal bats.

"The bats are made of metal but the balls are denting them," Menke said. "There are dinks and dents everywhere."

The ball? It's the Wilson A5011SST and was adopted by the IHSAA in 1994, when it debuted in state tournament play.

This season, virtually all schools are using the yellow ball that features red stitching.

"The core of the ball is different than the one we used previously," Menke said, referring to the Dudley sports ball that was standard for years.

Apparently, the Wilson ball has a polyurethane core while the Dudley ball has a cork center.

"The new ball is livelier," said Menke. "I'm sure it was gone to help contribute to more hitting in the game."

With the batter only 40 feet from the pitcher's mound in the high school game (it's 43 feet in college), hitting also has resulted in some injuries.

While Menke said Carroll's injury is about the worst her



Granite City sophomore Shannon Stapleton set a record for the girls program this spring by accounting for 138 varsity points.

Granite City shows signs of great future

Stapleton, Ridgeway lead Warriors' group of young, talented athletes

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City girls track team left an impression on the cinders of the 1999 season. The young Warriors team showed promise for a bright future while enjoying some success this past spring.

"We only had two seniors in the girls program this year, Alisa Monroe and Monica Widel, who were our co-captains," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "Replacing those two won't be easy, especially with Alisa in the throwing events."

"But we do have an outstanding group of young athletes. We have approximately 15 juniors returning next year as seniors, which will give us a good upper class. But with the strong group of sophomores and freshmen that next year will be juniors and sophomores, we should be one of the top girls teams in the area."

"If the girls have the attitude that they want to be among the area's elite, and they show up and work hard with that desire, then we certainly will accomplish that goal."

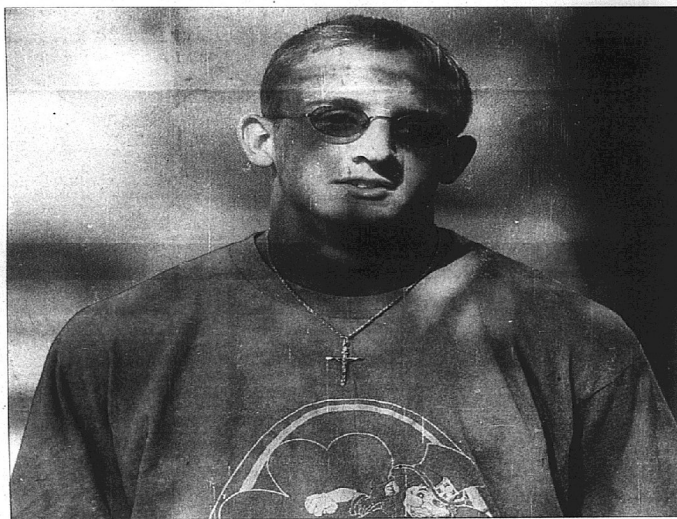
Gene Briggs
Granite City coach

to be among the area's elite, and they show up and work hard with that desire, then we certainly will accomplish that goal. We have the talent. Now it's just a matter of putting in the work and the effort to achieve that level of performance."

Granite City's 1999 season was characterized by the rapid athletic maturation of youngsters

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Warriors progressed in chasing elite teams



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City junior Kevin Atkins qualified for the IHSAA state meet in the 1,600-meter run.

Atkins paced Granite City, qualified for state in 1,600

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

With competition such as East St. Louis and Edwardsville dominating the scene in the Metro East, the boys track season may seem modest for the likes of Granite City's program.

But Warriors coach Gene Briggs was pleased with his team's quiet success this season.

"The boys track team made significant progress this year," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "Our youth certainly is a plus for our future. We know that we have a lot of young guys that scored a lot of points."

"We had a new point record established this year with 176 varsity points by (junior) Kevin Atkins. We also had (junior) Rich Skirball with 119 points. Chris Mertz had 90 points. He is a junior. We had a sophomore, Jeremiah Beckley, with 63 points. Then we had a strong supporting cast that scored multiple varsity points this year as underclassmen, a group that will make a big impact on our program next year as they get older and stronger."

The program will take its customary hits through commencement.

"We are suffering the loss of some great seniors," Briggs said. "Earl Clark had 108 varsity points, Steven Schroeder had 85 varsity points, Dennis Davis had 65 varsity points. Brian Kilman had 31, to go along with strong seasons by Mike Simpson, Joe Landeros and Aaron Howard."

"Those seniors graduating are going to leave tough spots to fill, but with the young crew that we have, the youth in our program, we should be even better next year. It's going to be a tough loss with the multiple events that the seniors covered for us, but I'm fully confident that with new athletes coming into the program, plus the solid core that we have returning, the Granite City boys track team will be a force in the area next year."

"To show the strength of our youth program, the freshmen-sophomore group were the champions at the Tiger Relays (at Edwardsville)," Briggs said. "The Tiger Relays is basically our conference teams, plus Cahokia and O'Fallon. So it is the best teams in the area, and our freshmen and sophomores were the champions. So that certainly shows good ability. We took second place in the Redbird Relays behind Cahokia, and we were also

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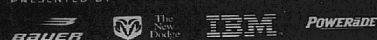


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Game Face qualifies for nationals

Belleville-based 15-U team wins regional tournament

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

When it counted the most, the Game Face 151 club volleyball team was its best.

The Belleville-based 15-and-under squad won a regional tournament April 24-25 in St. Louis to qualify for the national tournament in its age group, June 29 to July 4 in New Orleans. The team is coached by Jill Greenfield, the new head coach at Freeburg High School.

"Our overall record is 68-12," Greenfield said. "We went the Midwest Qualifier in Indianapolis the first weekend of April and took fourth place out of 37 teams. There were teams from Texas, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Chicago. The teams from the Chicago area are just tremendous."

"We also played in the Central Zone Championship March 7-8 in Mankato, which is near Chicago. They had the same type of teams there and we ended up getting fifth place out of 28 teams."

"Other than that, we've been in seven local tournaments in the St. Louis area. We took second in two of them and they were both 16-and-under tournaments."

Game Face 151 conducted tryouts the week before Thanksgiving and started practice the first week of December.

"I knew we were going to be pretty good, but I didn't see some of the girls before and I

wasn't sure how far we would go," Greenfield said. "Once the season started, we set a goal of going to nationals."

"There were about 25 or 27 teams at regionals, and any team from the St. Louis area can compete in it. We won that to qualify for nationals and the girls had a good time. They work so hard and they never quit."

Team members are:
• Erica Haukap, Tricia Winter and Jennifer Spilman from Mater Dei.
• Lauren Scannell and Stefanie Marlin from Althoff.
• Kara Liefer from Red Bud.
• Katie Gula from Belleville East.

• Alicia Herzog from Belleville West.
• Kelly Torisky from Gibault.

"Personality-wise, the girls take care of one another on and off the court," Greenfield said. "They get along great and they're excellent academic students as well. We've got some height and a lot of agility and some very strong hitters. We also have very strong consistent setters."

"We also have tremendous parental support. The parents handle the fund raising and hotel reservations. Gerri Haukap is our team representative and Ann Herzog is in charge of sending out and raising letters."

The Game Face squad is looking forward to the challenge of playing in the national tournament.

"It has the top 64 teams in the nation and you go through



Members of the Game Face 151 volleyball team are (from left to right): In front — Stefanie Marlin, Jennifer Spilman, Tricia Winter, Lauren Scannell and Erica Haukap; Middle — Katie Gula, Kelly Torisky and Kara Liefer; Top — Alicia Herzog.

different pools," Greenfield said. "What level you play at next depends on where you finish in your pool. You get a chance to play in a lot of matches."

"The whole idea (of playing at nationals) is just overwhelming. We're just floating right now."

"All of these girls are potential college players. It helps that they're so dedicated to doing well."

The team is seeking donations from local businesses and individuals to help pay its expenses for the trip to New Orleans. Donations can be sent to GFFVBC Inc., 400 State St., Belleville, Ill., 62220.

Greenfield, 26, spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach at Freeburg. A Triad

Prep sports

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	12-1	32-3
Edwardsville	9-3	29-6
Freeburg	8-4	26-7
Belleville West	7-5	20-11
Granite City	2-8	10-18
Alton	1-7	9-17
East St. Louis	0-11	1-13

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Civil Memorial	7-3	15-10
Triad	6-4	24-8
Highland	6-5	21-10
Mascoutah	6-4	13-16
Waterloo	3-7	9-18
Jerseyville	2-8	11-17

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	8-1	22-10
Red Bud	8-1	11-12
Triad	7-2	11-16
Carlyle	4-4	14-15
Breese Central	4-5	9-14
Alton	4-5	11-14
Marissa	4-5	13-13
Lebanon	3-7	10-15
Westlin	2-8	2-10
New Athens	1-8	10-18

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	7-4	21-8
Cahokia	1-6	5-18

Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville West	14-0	15-1
Belleville East	10-2	11-3
Granite City	6-7	11-3
Edwardsville	5-8	11-3
Alton	5-8	11-3

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville West	14-0	26-3
Belleville East	10-2	16-7
Granite City	6-7	10-13
Edwardsville	5-9	18-13
Alton	4-8	13-16
Collinsville	3-9	10-17
East St. Louis	1-11	0-12

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Mascoutah	9-1	22-7
Triad	8-2	27-4
Highland	6-3	16-10
Civil Memorial	6-5	14-13
Waterloo	2-8	8-19
Jerseyville	0-8	2-25

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Westlin	8-0	16-7
Freiburg	6-2	9-11
Columbia	5-3	20-9
Dupo	4-3	15-6
New Athens	4-3	8-13
Red Bud	3-3	8-5
Lebanon	3-5	8-18
Breese Central	2-6	5-14
Marissa	1-5	7-18
Carlyle	0-6	0-14

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	11-1	20-3
Cahokia	0-2	0-13

CLASS AA	
PREP BASEBALL	
Edwardsville Sections	
Belleville West Regional	

IHSA PLAYOFFS

CLASS AA PREP BASEBALL

Edwardsville Sectional

Game 1: Mascoutah 14, tralla 1.	May 29
Game 2: Highland 10, V loo 0.	

Game 3: Belleville East Mascoutah 4.
Game 4: O'Fallon 5, High 1.
May 31

	May 31
Belleville East 6, O'Fallon	
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Granite City Regional	
May 27	

Game 1: Alton 12, Jers
2
Game 2: Granite Cl
Bethalto Civic Memorial 3
May 29

d	Game 3: Edwardsville Alton 0 (6 innings). Game 4: Triad 12, Granite 2 (6 Innings).
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May 31
Edwardsville 9, Triad 2.
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Mount Vernon Regional
May 27

Game	May 29
3. Belleville East 13, Mascoutah 4.	

Menke concern

Continued from Page 1

team has experienced, also is aware of Morton High pitcher Charese

Caliendo, who was struck
the face by a line drive
8 and suffered a fracture
jaw.

"We are just as concerned about the safety of the batter," said Menke, pitching coach Joe Nux, an advocate of batter

...wearing a face mask
of just a helmet.

"Joe has talked abo

on, for a long time and with the ball being harder, it's a bad idea," said Menke, an advocate of players w

Game	May 31
6. Edwardsville 8, Triad 2.	

Game	May 27
1. Salem 5, Carbondale 0.	

	May 29
Game 2:	Mount Vernon 7, Salem 0.
Game 3:	Marion 9, Murphysboro 3.

boro 3.	May 31
	Mount Vernon 11, Marion 0.
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	Edwardsville Sectional

Game 1: Althoff vs. Belleville
East. 10 a.m.

Game 2: Edwardsville vs.
Mount Vernon, 12:30 p.m.

June 7
Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2.

**CLASS AA
PREP SOFTBALL
O'Fallon Sectional**

Centralla Regional	
May 27	
Game 1: Mount Vernon 11, Centralla 1	
Game 2: Carbondale 5, Salem 4 (11-10)	

Innings.

May 29

Game 3: Murphysboro 10, Mount Vernon 2.

Game 4: Marion 2, Carbondale 1

Innings).	May 31
	Murphysboro 7, Marlon O.
	Belleville West Regional
	May 27

Game 1: Granite City 22, Cahokia 1.
Game 2: Waterloo 24, East St. Louis 0.
May 29
Game 3: Belleville West 2, Granite City 0.

City 0.
Game 4: O'Fallon 2, Waterloo 1 (innings).
May 31
Belleville West 3, O'Fallon 1.

Edwardsville Regional
May 27
Game 1: Collinsville 10, Jerseyville 0.
May 29
Game 2: Edwardsville 7, Collinsville 6

Game 2: Edwardsville 7, Collinsville 4
Game 3: Alton 5, Bethalto 4
Memorial 3.

May 31
Edwardsville defeated Alton.
Bellefonte East Regional

Game	May 27
11.	Triad 2, Highland 1.

Game 3: Belleville Althoff 1, Masco tah 0.
May 31 Belleville Althoff 1, Belleville East 0.

Game 1: Centralla Regional winner
vs. Belleville West Regional winner, 1
a.m.

Game 2: Edwardsville Regional winner
vs. Belleville East Regional winner

ner vs. Belleville East Regional winner
12 noon.

June 7

Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game
4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

GIRLS SOCCER
O'Fallon Sectional
Columbia Sectional
Preliminaries
May 18

Game 1: Civic Memorial
Roxana 1.
May 19
Game 2: Mater Del 8, Cahokia 6

First Round
May 20
Game 3: Belleville East 1
Civic Memorial 0.

Game 5: Triad 9, Columbia 0.
Game 6: Granite City 1, Wood River 0.
Game 7: Collinsville 15, Mat Del 2.

Game 8: O'Fallon 9, Waterl
Gibault 3.
Game 9: Carbondale defeat
Marion.
Game 10: Edwardsville 8, M

Game 10: Edwardsville 8, M
ro East Lutheran 0.

Saturday

Game 2: Althoff 3, Bellev
West 2 (PKs).

Columbia Sectional

**Columbia Sectional
Regional finals
May 25**

**Game 11: Belleville East
Althoff 0.**

Game 12: Granite City 2, T	1.
Game 13: Collinsville	
O'Fallon 1.	
Game 14: Carbondale	

Edwardsville 0.
Sectional semifinals (at Columbia) May 27

Game 15: Belleville East
Granite City 0.

10, Sectional championship
City (at Columbia)
 May 29
Belleville East 3, Collinsville 0

(Belleville East wins 3-2 in penalty kicks).

Chatham Glenwood
Super Sectional

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	Quincy 5, Belleville East 0.
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mouth pieces.
1B "There are several things

I intend to talk about what our committee meets in September," said Menke, who is about to complete his third and final year as

third and final year as an advisor.

Meanwhile, the IHSA does not seem likely to make a

no seem likely to make a change since its five-year contract with Wilson is valued at \$225,000.

Wilson spokesperson Mo

lead Murphy said her company offered the IHSA its choice of a poly-core or cork-center ball, and the state

the good an ring association chose the live ball, in part because they need to be replaced less often.

Game	May 20
34. Carbondale 2, Edwardsville 0.	

Game	May 20
35. Belleville East 1, Granite City 1.	

First Gateway Gasser Gathering set for today at Gateway International

More than 400 cars from a bygone era in drag racing will get a place in the sun this weekend in the inaugural Gateway Gasser Gathering at Gateway International Raceway.

The stars of the era, such as Grand Marshal K.S. Pittman, Chuck Cook and Barbara Pittman will be on hand to meet with those who remember the Austins, Anglias, Henry Js and Willys.

"A Willys is built much like an airplane wing, and you know how well they work," said Chuck Lipka, an organizer of the event who owns and campaigns vintage gassers. "At 120-130 mph, there is more air going under a gasser than over it on the top end — and that's why a lot of the early gassers aren't with us anymore. They got pretty amazing on the finish line."

There will be racing in seven categories, and a 1/4-mile bracket shootout for street rods. Other vintage hot rods will be on display near the track.

Action gets underway at 9 a.m. today, with eliminations set to start at around noon. Friendly grudge racing between the rivals will pepper the weekend's activities as well.

Spectator tickets are \$15 for adults. Children 12-and-under are free with a paid adult. For more information, call (314) 587-2477 or (618) 482-2400.

Tri-city results

Terry James swept his qualifying heat and the main event to take the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Late Model points lead on May 29. John Dickerman won the other qualifier.

Rick L. Stevenson won his fourth NASCAR Winston Racing Series ShortTrack Modified feature of the season while Josh Carroll won his third Mountain Dew Street Stock feature and Tim Pierce won his first Pepsi GenerationNext Charger. Audie Murphy and Vern Baker won their third Saturday Night Two-Man Cruiser main.

Volleyball camp

Granite City will sponsor a volleyball open camp Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 7 to July 29. Sessions are 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Granite City High School in the small gymnasium. For information, call Granite City volleyball coach Ruth Layton, 451-8808.

Soccer tryout

The Collinsville United Invasion under-11 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 (6-8 p.m. each day) at the Collinsville United Fields. For information, call 345-1260 or 345-7192.

Golf tournament

Legacy Golf Course is offering a four-person scramble with men's and women's divisions at \$50 per player. Event is set for June 19 at 8 a.m. For information, call 931-4553.

Legacy Golf Course in Granite City will offer a couples two-person scramble on Sunday, June 27. The cost is \$30 per person and includes golf, cart and prizes. For more information, call 931-4553.

Golf tournament

The fifth annual Big B Invitational golf tournament is set for 8 a.m. June 27 at Arlington Golf Course. The event is a four-man scramble with an entry fee of \$75 per person. Proceeds benefit Collinsville football. For information, call 344-2860 or 1-800-333-9660.

Soccer tryout

The Southwest Select Soccer Club under-11 boys team will conduct open tryouts June 15, 17, 21 and 23 at Horseshoe Lake fields. Tryouts are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. each day. For information, call 345-0673 or 344-3805.

Special Olympics

Athletes from the Metro East will compete in the Special Olympics World Games June 26-July 4 in North Carolina. John Paschedag of Madison will compete in bowling at the World Games. The Granite City High School graduate also competes in aquatics and track and field in state and local competition.

Baseball tourney

The Collinsville Baseball Tournament is set for June 11-13 and June 18-20. For information, call Ron Throm at 344-1451.

Baseball/softball camp

Former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Greg Mathews and his staff will conduct a baseball and softball camp June 8-11 at Tri-Township Park in Troy. Sessions are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The fee for the camp is \$100. For information, call the Greg Mathews Training Center at 314-926-7305.

Bash at Busch

Fairview Heights Night at Busch Stadium is set for July 15, when the St. Louis Cardinals play the Chicago White Sox. Tickets are available after June 7 by contacting Dennis Knolhoff at 397-1680. Bus service from Lake soccer fields, located off Hwy. 111, Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, are eligible. For information, call 931-0976 or 656-7840.

Soccer tryout

The Southwest Select Sting under-14 girls soccer team, playing out of the Metro East, will have tryouts for the fall of 1999 and spring of 2000 season. Tryouts are 6 p.m. June 17 and 10 a.m. July 17 at Horseshoe Lake soccer fields, located off Hwy. 111, Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, are eligible. For information, call 931-0976 or 656-7840.

Outdoors news

The drawing for 27 waterfowl blinds at Horseshoe Lake State Park is today. The registration period for hunters ages 16 and older with a current or preceding year Illinois hunting license, a current or preceding year Illinois waterfowl stamp and a valid Firearms Owners Identification Card will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. today. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. Applicants must be present for

registration and drawing. For more information, contact the Horseshoe Lake Park Office at 931-0270.

Golf tourney

A benefit golf tournament for Jeff and Clare (Kernan) Rodenberg is scheduled for June 26 at Stonebridge Golf Course in Maryville. The four-man best-ball tourney will have a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 per player and includes lunch, prizes, awards and a raffle drawing.

The field is limited to the first 36 teams.

All proceeds benefit the Clare Rodenberg Trust Fund at West Pointe Bank and Trust Co. in Belleville. For more information, call Wayne Kissel at (314) 930-6537 or Michael Smith at 388-0147.

PSG tryouts

Gene Briggs is conducting registration and tryouts for the Southwestern North Region soccer teams he will coach in the Prairie State Games this summer.

Registrations and tryouts will take place at the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College. Times and dates are as follows: For Scholastic Girls (grades 8 through 12) — June 7, 6-7:30 p.m. (tryout); June 8, 6-7:30 p.m. (tryout); June 10, 6-7:30 p.m. (tryout); June 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon (tryout).

The Prairie State Games will be June 25

Clippers' season cut short in '98

But Granite City hopes to repeat regular season success

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City has opened the gates on another season of Sunday doubleheaders in the Mon-Clair League.

BASEBALL

The Clippers have an experienced group of athletes returning. Mark Briggs, Mark Winfield and Brett Kisro see most of the time in the outfield.

Brian Harshany handles first, and Rodney Lofton fills the hole at shortstop. Brian Lewis makes third, and P.J. Perucca returns at second base.

Ryan Collins, son of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville baseball coach Bo Collins, is at the receiving end of the battery. Granite also has Brad Ervay, Cliff Williams and Jeff Ridenour to throw into the mix.

Daren DePew, the starting catcher last season, will spend this year on the sidelines.

"Brian Harshany will play and manage, this will be his first year as manager," DePew said. "I'm not going to be playing regularly anymore, so I am just going to act as general manager

and just kind of help with the organization. I'm still on the roster, so I'm still going to play when they need a guy."

Last year, Granite City won its division with a record of 18-6 but lost the first two games of the playoff championship tournament.

"We didn't do well in the playoffs," DePew said. "But we finished first in our division and expect to do the same this year."

In a quality league like Mon-Clair, the fundamentals are always critical to a team's success or failure.

"Pitching is always a big key," Harshany said. "If you don't have pitchers in this league, your success is going to be minimal. Mike Alvers and Pete Klemann are going to be our two starters most of the time. They've done fairly well in the past two outings. As of right now, Klemann has an earned run average of 0.70, and Alvers has a 1.68.

On Sundays it is probably going to be those two starting back-to-back. Mike Starwalt is a pitcher from Fontbonne who is going to be in relief for us. He's already pretty much established himself as a pitcher. He's got 2 2/3 innings pitched and has only

given up one hit with four strikeouts. He'll be one of our closers. We have other people in the lineup, like Rodney Lofton, Mark Winfield and P.J. Perucca, who also can pitch. I think we will be pretty strong in that area.

"Defensively we aren't going to be bad. I think our infield will be pretty strong once all the guys kind of conform and we get to know each other a little better. We have kind of just come together as a team this year."

Granite has thus far split with Waterloo, swept a pair from Fairview Heights, split with Greenville and lost one to Millstadt.

"It's kind of a disappointing start," Harshany said. "I thought we might be a little better, have a little better record than 4-3. Right now we aren't doing too bad with our hitting, averaging around .350 as a team. That is decent."

"This is our third weekend, and we are just coming out of the chute. Our pitching is going to get better, our hitting is going to get better, and we are going to be a better ballclub than we are right now."

Granite plays two today against Sauget at Dal Maxfield Field in Wilson Park. Game one starts at 1:30 p.m.



Gene Briggs said Granite City has an outstanding group of young athletes.

High-caliber league draws area's big guns

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Mon-Clair league offers the boys of summer a chance to

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recapture the glories of their scholastic careers.

The teams play Sunday doubleheaders and the league sponsors an all-star game.

"The Mon-Clair League has been around for a number of years," Granite City general manager and ex-player Daren DePew

said. "Granite City has been a member of the league since 1991. It's an amateur men's baseball league made up of present and former college players, former minor-league players and a few former major-league players."

"For example, Neil Fiala, who played in the Big Leagues, still plays. There are John and Jim Wallie, Mike Worth, Rodney Lofton, Cliff Williams and quite a few other guys who have played in the minor leagues and now play in the Mon-Clair League."

The road can also go the

other way — leading up to The Show.

"In the past, there have been guys that have signed from the Mon-Clair League with big-league teams," DePew said. "It's that caliber of baseball. It's a high quality league. It is a well-organized league. Mel Patton is the president, and he and his whole group do a good job."

One of the perks of having an excellent Mon-Clair campaign is that it affords the best teams the chance to play in the area's summer festival.

"They are playing in the

Prairie State Games this year because we won our division last year," DePew said. "The top two teams with the top two records get to play in the Prairie State Games the next year, so they will get to do that, which is a nice event. We have won it in the past. We won the gold medal back in 1996, but the last two years, Waterloo has won it."

Granite has its sights set on the top dog this year. "Waterloo has been the premier team in the league for the past 20 years or so," DePew said. "It's the team everyone is gunning for."

Warriors made significant progress this year

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runner-up in the freshman-sophomore division of the Southwestern Conference Track Meet, losing to East St. Louis.

"So we do know that our young boys are able to compete with the best in the area, and on a good day we can defeat them. Certainly we have some good finishes

"The boys track team made significant progress this year. Our youth certainly is a plus for our future. We know that we have a lot of young guys that scored a lot of points."

Gene Briggs
Granite City coach

to look at from our freshman and sophomore

boys that next year should be good finishes at the varsity level."

Atkins was the most impressive of the boys bunch, qualifying for the state meet in the 1,600 meters to give the Warriors their lone state qualifier. Though he didn't come away with a placement, Atkins' qualification should pave the

way for a senior campaign of even higher expectations.

"One nice thing was qualifying an athlete for state, getting the experience of a state track meet out of our way as an underclassman," Briggs said. "Kevin did a wonderful job up at the state track meet, and certainly next year as a senior we hope that he returns not only in the 1,600-meter run, but possibly in other events also."

The experience of going to the state track meet will be shared with other members of the team and encourage others to reach the same goal next year. So we are really excited about Kevin and the rest of our returning athletes and looking forward to the 2000 track season."

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such as Shannon Stapleton and Amber Ridgeway.

"Our highest scorers on our team were our underclass girls," Briggs said. "Shannon Stapleton set a new team standard this year with 138 varsity points."

We also had Amber Ridgeway at 108, so we had two girls join our 100-point club this year and they are the first two girls to move into that exclusive group. Sarah Kuehn, another freshman, had 90 varsity points, (sophomore) Nicole Bellman had 76. Penny Meyer had 61 and Sarah Foster had 62 — those are two returning sophomores. Faith Yurcinin had 52; she's a sophomore. Ashley Slover had 50; she's a returning junior.

"So the majority of girls who were scoring a large number of points were basically all in the underclass division, and having them return next year is what gives us the hope for a great 2000 track season for the girls program."

A sign of the program's

potential next year is the performance in the IHSA's penultimate proving ground — the post-season.

"One of the keys that shows that we are ready to compete next year at one of the highest levels was the great finish by our young athletes at the sectional track meet," Briggs said. "Shannon Stapleton got third in the 400-meter dash and just missed qualifying for state. Penny Meyer got third in the 3,200-meter run, also just missed qualifying. The 4x100 relay team placed fifth, ran our best time of the year and were certainly in contention. Nicole Bellman made finals in the 200-meter dash and Lucia Ruiz made finals in the discus. Both of them have performed very well and should be better next year. Nicole also was ranked third in the long jump going into the sectionals. Our medley relay team was also ranked third going in."

"So between our places, our qualifying for finals and our rankings with the other area elites, we certainly feel that sectionals was successful for us this year and should lead us into a great season next year."

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Coolidge rewards athletes that kept team on track

Girls 7th-grade squad finished 3rd in conference

Special to the Journal

The Coolidge girls track team finished the year with the seventh-grade placing third in the conference and the eighth grade placing fourth.

Several players logged impressive outings. Amanda Singleton placed first in the 100-meter hurdles. Dominique Vaughn placed first in the 100- and 200-meter runs. The 800-meter relay team of Singleton, Amberly Rulo, Leslie Kivitskowsky, and Vaughn broke a 17-year-old school record by running a time of 1:54.

Special awards were given to eighth-graders Singleton and Vaughn for co-Most Valuable Athletes.

Heather Wolf received the seventh grade Most Valuable Athlete in field events, and Lakeisha Newbern was most valuable in track events.

Aaron Askew won the Most Valuable Athlete award for the seventh-grade boys.

Brandon Beasley and Nathan Elmore shared the most improved award, and Joe Becherer took home the 110 percent award.

Askew broke the old school record by tossing the shot 39 feet, 6 inches.

Becherer set a new standard in the hurdles by crossing the line in 15.2 seconds. Drake Rogers, Demarco Bell and Tim Murray also knocked off standing marks.

Brian Beyrau, Brandon Chandler and James Ribley split the Most Valuable Athlete for the eighth-grade boys. Beyrau took first place in the triple jump and set a school record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.55.

The 800-meter relay team of Chandler,

Beyrau, Ribley and James Phillips set a new school and conference record of 1:41.4. Chandler also gained first place in the conference 100-meter hurdles competition.

Coolidge Middle School Track Letter Winners

Seventh-grade girls
Lakeisha Newbern, Delia Johnson, Nicole Tomlinson, Brandi McBrice, Heather Wolf, Andrea Szerzinski, Emily Svezia, Laura Hildebrand, Danielle Thebaud, Tamara Johns, Jennifer Brantley, Heather Angle, Michelle Baker, Crystal Bazzell, Cheri McBride, Ashley Kuehnle, Lauren Hughes, Monique Dawdy, Carolanne Edwards, Amanda Miller, Michelle Broder.

Eighth-grade girls
Leslie Kivitskowsky, Elaine Lidikay, Amberly Rulo, Kari Warren, Amber Lemons, Stephanie Pugh, Shannon Eastley, Kasey Bryant, Sarah Caudron, Dominique Vaughn, Amanda Singleton, Heather Davis, Brandi Carpenter, Lindsay Weidner, Danielle Hitchcock.

Seventh-grade boys
Aaron Askew, Shannon Beavin, Joe Becherer, Demarco Bell, Brandon Beasley, Maurice Dale, James Dudley, Aaron Evans, Brad Ezell, Nathan Elmore, Daniel Gibson, Jason Hath, Jon Houston, Tom Hughes, Chris McIntyre, Tim Murray, Ian Nichols, Matt Parrott, Kurt Rippee, Drake Rogers, Brice Sarginson, Simon Dillon, Kevin Schaefer, Lewis Tarr, Brad Traack, Sean Tyler, Sean Vaughn, Ken Wederski, Ben Zaring.

Eighth-grade boys
Terrance Alfaro, Brian Beyrau, Ryan Breckner, Brandon Chandler, Casey Church, Tom Evans, Sean Fortune, Kyle Kiehl, Adam Lancaster, Cory Lewis, Charles Lofink, Sheldon Murphy, Benji Nichols, James Phillips, Steve Reinhardt, James Ribley, Chad Runnels, Mike Wenzel, Chad Wilson, Ryan Woodson and Craig Wright.

Race results

BELLE-CLAIR SPEEDWAY RESULTS (May 28)

LATE MODEL
First heat: 1. Don Klein, 2. Mack Oiler, 3. Ed Dixon.
Dondero, 3. Tim Ratajczyk.
Dash: 1. Mark Oiler, 2. Don Klein, 3. Ed Dixon.
Feature: 1. Mark Oiler, 2. Ed Dixon, 3. Aaron Klein, 4. Jim Burwell, 5. Don Klein, 6. Dan Dondero.
MODIFIED

First heat: 1. Brad Haas, 2. Marty Smith Jr., 3. Mark Schaefer.
Second heat: 1. Matt Mevart, 2. Jesse Carson, 3. Bob Bittle.
Dash: 1. Brad Haas, 2. Matt Mevart, 3. Marty Smith Jr.
Feature: 1. Bob Bittle, 2. Brad Haas, 3. Jesse Carson, 4. Matt Mevart, 5. Tom Ratajczyk, 6. Mark Schaefer.

SPORTSMAN
First heat: 1. David Seger, 2. Chris Gray, 3. Rich Whaley.
Second heat: 1. Jim Gibson, 2.

Bobby Teutrine, 3. John Crouch.
Dash: 1. Jim Gibson, 2. Chris Gray, 3. David Seger.
Feature: 1. Chris Gray, 2. John Crouch, 3. Jim Gibson, 4. Terry Townline, 5. Randy Kuecker, 6. Pat Aaron.

BOMBER
First heat: 1. Rich Crawell, 2. Pat Seymour, 3. Jimmy Cummins.
Feature: 1. Jimmy Cummins, 2. Rich Crawell, 3. Bob Goodman, 4. Bob Dees Jr., 5. Chris Sale, 6. Morris Hamon.

Elks soccer club holding tryouts

The Granite City Elks '96 girls soccer team will hold tryouts from 6-8 p.m. on June 16 and June 24 and noon to 2 p.m. on June 26 at the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College.

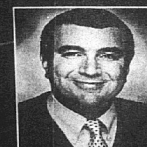
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Dream comes true for Collinsville senior

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Since he was 7 years old, Kenny Lutz dreamed of the day a professional baseball team would draft him.

On Tuesday afternoon, the telephone call came.

Lutz, who graduated from Collinsville High on May 28, was drafted Tuesday by the Cincinnati Reds in the fourth round of the 1999 First-Year Players Draft. He was the 128th selection in the annual draft of amateur baseball players.

The shock of realizing the dream lingers, compounded by the fact Lutz's professional future will be pitching baseballs instead of hitting them.

"I really didn't start pitching until my sophomore year," Lutz said. "I guess it just kind

of took off and just went fast. I don't know what is wrong with my bat.

Not much. Lutz hit better than .500 in three consecutive varsity seasons. He broke the Collinsville High record for home runs as a junior (with 12) and broke it again this year (with 13).

He finished his prep career with 36 home runs, 158 hits and 150 runs — ranking among the best in state history in all three. Regardless, the Reds told Lutz to put his bat away.

"On my off time, I am going to stay with the bat," Lutz said. "I am going to keep working on it. I am glad I went to a National League team because they don't have a DH (designated hitter)."

Pitching success for Lutz has come naturally. And he is willing to learn what it takes

"When I go to practice, I throw the baseball. That's about it. I have never been in the weight room. I have never done any little extra things to make my arm stronger."

Ken Lutz

to pitch professionally. "When I went to California (for a summer camp), all the pitchers had their rubber band (exercises) that they were doing," Lutz said. "I don't even know what those things are for. I went out to the mound and threw the baseball. When I go to practice, I throw the baseball. That is about it. I have never been in the weight room. I

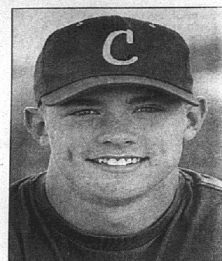
have never done any little extra things to make my arm stronger. I wrestled. I think with a year of that (exercises) and hard work I will do a good job."

Lutz's success on the mound as a junior — when he was 102 with a 2.09 ERA — came primarily with the effectiveness of one pitch: the fastball.

seriously after my junior season," Lutz said. "That whole summer and this whole year, I've been pitching, pitching and pitching. I've traveled all over. I just really worked on my pitching."

"These scouts started coming to my games and they think my best pitch is my slider and I've never thrown it until this year. I never had one person show me how to do it. I just thought, 'Hey, if I turn my wrist this way...'"

"The scouts told me I need to develop a change-up and my curveball needs to get better. When you get up there (in the major leagues), you are going to need a change-up. In high school, you can get away without it, but whenever you make the step up, you have to



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be a good three-pitch pitcher."

IHSA career records

Player	Home Runs	Yrs	HRs
Brian Wheeler	Oak Forest	75-76	41
Scott Pickards	Oak Forest	84-86	41
Ken Lutz	Collinsville	97-99	36

Player	Runs Batted In	Yrs	RBI
Darren Deadmond	Odin	85-88	164
Ken Lutz	Collinsville	97-99	160
Travis Carson	Herschler	95-97	148
Mark Smith	Lewistown	91-94	147
Scott Muehl	Freeburg	86-89	163
Troy Livingston	Manito	85-88	158
Ken Lutz	Collinsville	97-99	158
John Wolowide	Manito	81-84	149

Player	Career pitching	Yrs	Wins
Todd Nelbel	Waltonville	80-83	48

Donald Markelz	New Lenox	70-72	39
Tony Haywood	Grayville	84-86	36
Tony Bartolomucci	Oak Forest	78-80	35
Matt Tomco	Mt. Olive	87-90	35
Bob Jackson	Mt. Olive	85-89	33
Aaron Kauffman	Bluffs	92-95	33
Tom Price	Edwardsville	87-90	32
Matt Wolowide	Manito	85-88	30
Nick Gorecki	Oak Forest	89-91	30
Mark Macias	Norridge	91-93	30
John Pasley	Lewistown	92-94	30
Mike Granich	Lewistown	89-91	30
Jason Boyd	Edwardsville	91-92	29
Dean Brueggemann	Freeburg	91-94	29
Jason Hill	Herschler	95-97	29
Doug Robertson	Riverton	90-93	28
Matt Field	Collinsville	94-96	28
Dan Wilson	Sarrington	90-93	27
Ken Lutz	Collinsville	97-99	26

Metro East coach chosen for helm of Team Illinois

Kirgan to head National Championships squad

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

First-year Collinsville High coach Allen Kirgan has been selected to be the head Greco coach for Team Illinois at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D.

"It's a great honor to be selected," Kirgan said. "I have coached at the cadet level for many years and really enjoyed it."

"I am a little nervous because the staff is so strong. World Team member and Olympian Herb House and several military World Team members will be coaching."

"Mark Kristoff is technically the best, and Collinsville is fortunate to have him. Mark helps with both the Raiders and the high school. If his schedule allows, he will also coach on the national staff. Along with Kristoff is Mark Bullington, who will be at the nationals as a pairing official."

Joining Kirgan on Team Illinois will be Wes Smith and George Kirgan, Al's son. Both qualified for the national tournament by virtue of their finishes at the IWF Greco State Tournament on May 20.

Kirgan captured the state Greco title in the junior division for the second straight year. Kirgan defeated Greg Williams of Chicago 11-0 in the finals.

Smith finished third in the Cadet division. "We did a great job. He lost in the semifinals to Nathan Martinez from West Aurora," Kirgan said. "Nathan is a two-time IJFA state champion, four-time place-winner and two-time national Greco Roman all-American."

Khem Boyd and Tony Sorrenson also made the trip but did not place in the state tournament. Marc Justice missed the trip. "I am hoping Marc Justice will be able to

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Allen Kirgan
Collinsville coach

get on at the second chance qualifier," Kirgan said. "Marc was unable to attend the state Greco tournament because of graduation, but Marc made the national team last year."

On May 22, Kirgan and Nick McHenry participated in the IWF Freestyle State Tournament. In the junior division, Kirgan easily won his 165-pound weight class. In all five matches, Kirgan either pinned or won by a technical fall in the first period. He did not give up a single point in the entire tournament.

In the cadet division, McHenry finished fifth in his 182½-pound division. He lost a 7-5 decision to the eventual runner-up.

The national training camp is scheduled for July 11 at the University of Illinois. The staff and team travel to Fargo on July 15 to compete against wrestlers from around the country.

Smith and Kirgan need to raise money to go to the Junior Nationals. Kirgan, who will wrestle in both the freestyle and Greco Roman Nationals, needs to raise \$775 for the trip. Smith, who qualified for Greco Roman, needs to raise \$625.

The Raiders Wrestling Club will be donating proceeds from the lightning raffle at the Collinsville VFW on June 7 in conjunction with Monday night bingo.

Individuals or businesses interested in helping support Kirgan or Smith should call coach Kirgan at 797-6418.

River City Rascals Roster

Pitchers

• Chris Bailey, 23, Elsberry, Mo.; 6-3, 210 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Ben Burman, 23, New York, N.Y.; 5-10, 185 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Barry Cronk, 23, Pittsburg, Kan.; 6-0, 185 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Randy Eversgaard, 22, Centralia, Ill.; 6-0, 180 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Rich Guerrero, 28, Riversdale, Calif.; 6-0, 185 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Bryan Kearney, 23, Willow Springs, Ill.; 6-0, 170 pounds; bats left, throws left
• Josh Lavey, 24, St. Louis, Mo.; 6-2, 195 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Tom Miller, 24, Eagle, Mich.; 6-2, 205 pounds; bats right, throws left
• Brian Moody, 23, Piscataway, N.J.; 6-3, 220 pounds; bats right, throws right

throws right
• Joey Pipes, 25, Lake Saint Louis, Mo.; 6-5, 220 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Jeff Ridenour, 22, Granite City, Ill.; 6-3, 185 pounds; bats right, throws right

Catchers

• William Black, 22, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; 6-2, 235 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Justin Coggins, 23, Ogden, Utah; 6-2, 225 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Dan Graham, 23, New Britain, Conn.; 6-4, 225 pounds; bats left, throws right

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• Aaron Jaworski, 23, Wildwood, Mo.; 6-3, 230 pounds; bats left, throws right
• Cass Olson, 24, Manhattan

Beach, Calif.; 6-3, 210 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Jason Rakers, 23, Aviston, Ill.; 6-0, 190 pounds; bats left, throws right
• Dustin Rogstad, 23, Hammond, La.; 6-1, 195 pounds; bats right, throws right
• Terry Tripp, 24, Harrisburg, Ill.; 6-0, 160 pounds; bats both, throws right
• Paul Weeks, 23, Gardena, Calif.; 5-10, 175 pounds; bats right, throws right

Outfielders

• Kevin Pitts, 26, Belleville, Ill.; 6-3, 180 pounds; bats right, throws left
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Boeing to open Transition Center

By Kerry Smith
Correspondent

Boeing Co. will open a Career Transition Center later this month as a resource for any of its 7,000 departing employees who need help in locating another job in the St. Louis area.

On May 13, the aircraft manufacturer announced layoff plans as a measure to streamline internal operations in St. Louis. Layoffs began in late May and will continue at a rate of 300 to 400 employees monthly through 2001.

Two-thirds of those leaving Boeing are nonunion.

Jo Anne Davis, a spokeswoman for Boeing, said Wednesday that the center, located at the aerospace manufacturer's main complex in Bridgeton, Mo., will offer a variety of placement services and assistance. The center is a cooperative effort of Boeing, St. Louis Community College and the United Way.

"A career counselor will be assigned to each employee who registers at

the center," Davis said. "The counselor is responsible for explaining the services available to employees, such as assessing their career interests, skill levels and training needs. Boeing really wants to support these persons throughout their job search process and make it as easy as possible for them."

Boeing also is planning a series of job fairs this summer to showcase opportunities both inside Boeing and at other businesses. Davis said more information about those events will be available within the next three weeks.

"Since our May 13 facility reduction announcement, we've received calls from more than 100 companies with thousands of openings," Davis said.

The center also will offer entrepreneurial sessions focusing on how laid-off workers can pursue starting their own businesses.

The service also provides access to local, state and national job databases.



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Bellefonte Area College student John Tidball of Caseville, above, stomps around in search of an Englishman during the BAC Children's Theatre Touring Company's production of "Rime of Jack and the Beanstalk." The scene took place at Lebanon Elementary School — one of 11 area schools where the company performed the play during May. At right, Davey Bobzin of Mascoutah, left, portrays the peddler who is giving Jack, played by Dana Petersen of O'Fallon, a handful of magic beans.



Holiday weekend was one of safest ever

By Cory A. Pitt
Correspondent

Illinois State Police efforts over the Memorial Day weekend resulted in one of the safest holiday weekends in history for interstate motorists,

a spokesperson for the State Police said. In District 11, which includes Madison, Monroe, Clinton, Bond and St. Clair counties, more than 400 citations and 239 written warnings were issued during the Combined Accident

Reduction Effort program, which began at noon May 28 and ended at midnight Tuesday. In addition, only 27 accidents occurred, and no fatalities were handled by State Police in the area. Just two of the

accidents were alcohol related, and only 12 DUI arrests were made in the district during the operation.

Illinois State Police Trooper Ralph Timmins credited media coverage and high public awareness for this year's success of CARE, a nationwide law enforcement operation implemented several years ago to reduce holiday traffic fatalities.

"We had incredible assistance by newspaper, TV stations and radio stations," Timmins said. "We really want to applaud and thank the media for making people aware of (the operation)."

Statewide, there were only 23 vehicle fatalities resulting from 20 accidents, according to information from the Illinois State Director's Office. Most of the accidents were handled by police in individual municipalities, but of the six fatal accidents handled by Illinois State Police, none of the victims were wearing safety belts.

Although pleased with the low number of traffic problems, Timmins believes the use of safety belts could decrease traffic fatalities significantly.

"The drivers in the Motorola 300 this past weekend are driving 180 mph, and wouldn't even think about driving without a five-point harness safety belt," Timmins said. "But many people driving 65-70 mph still don't think about it."

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Woman sentenced for allowing abuse

By Dennis Grubbaugh
Staff writer

A South Roxana mother who allowed her husband to sexually abuse her two daughters, then threatened to kill the girls if they reported it, has sentenced Tuesday to 11 years in prison.

Lori A. Ramsey, 36, cried frequently during a 3 1/2-hour sentencing hearing in Madison County Circuit Court. She denied knowingly harming her daughters, although the girls and their therapist testified that the girls lived in fear.

The longest possible prison term was the only thing that would mollify "their intense fear level that they'd be killed by their mother," therapist Donya Adkerson said.

The teen-age victims have different last names than the mother and live in a different community with their grandparents, who have adopted them, along with one of their two brothers. The other brother is in foster care.

"We've prosecuted some mothers for allowed abuse in the past, but this is the worst," State's Attorney William Haine said. "In the other instances, they were usually browbeaten spouses, but in this case, she was dominating, strong-willed and really, in some ways, worse than the perpetrator."

Ramsey was charged with two counts of permitting the sexual abuse of a child for allowing her husband, James Ramsey — the girls' stepfather — to have sexual relations with them between September 1996 and December 1996 while they lived in Wood River. She pleaded no contest to the charges in April.

James Ramsey pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in March. He is to be sentenced Friday, and the prosecution will seek the maximum 15-year prison term, Haine said.

Fifteen years also was the maximum for each of Lori Ramsey's two counts.

Defense attorney Steve Griffin had asked that any prison sentence be stayed pending successful completion of a probationary period. However, Associate Judge James Hackett had the final say on sentencing.

"The defendant's conduct has caused serious harm to the victims," Hackett said. "I don't think a sentence of probation is appropriate in this case. There has to be a sentence of import."

He sentenced Ramsey to 11 years on each count, with the terms to run concurrently, as well as 180 days on a charge of violating an order of protection. The latter was applied to the time she had served in the Madison County Jail.

Prosecutor Kyle Napp urged "the longest term possible so that her children have the opportunity to grow up, get healthy and get on with their lives."

Napp said the allegations came to light when the girls told friends about the abuse. The friends contacted the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which contacted the Wood River Police Department. Police arranged an interview with the children April 2, 1996.

However, Lori Ramsey and the girls all denied the allegations during that interview because of threats she passed along, Napp said.

It wasn't until about eight months later that authorities came up with the evidence to charge the Ramseys.

At least one of the girls said she was beaten to keep her from reporting the abuse to authorities, but Lori Ramsey denied ever hitting the girls beyond spankings.

She did admit, however, to having a violent temper, and her therapist said in a presentence report that she considered her a "significant risk to the community."

Ramsey said she "genuinely did not believe" her husband committed the acts until after he pleaded guilty. Now, she said she is seeking a divorce, and "I wish he'd never been born."

Napp said she doubted that story and pointed to a letter written by Lori Ramsey to James Ramsey in jail in April, in which she criticized him for pleading guilty and ending the confidentiality arrangement that would have kept him from testifying against her.

Adkerson said the girls suffered from a "sadistic sexual abuse pattern."

The girls have lasting emotional wounds, she said, and at least one admitted on the witness stand that she had taken to cutting herself "to get the pain and dirtiness out."

The same girl, when asked what she thought the appropriate outcome of her mother's case should be, said: "I wish the same thing would happen to her."

However, her sister testified that she loved her mother in spite of the abuse. The mother also professed her love for her children.

She said she worked much shift work and overtime and was not always around the house when she should have been. She and James Ramsey were married in October 1994.

She sought an order of protection against him later that year after he allegedly choked her, but they later reconciled.

"I should have paid more attention. I should have saw something," she said.

Napp said there was no way she could not know what was happening to the girls.

"I cannot even fathom what it was like for a 14-year-old to be abused while her mother was in the next room, watching TV," she said.

Haine praised Napp's work on the case. "Kyle absolutely put it together. She is a not only dynamic but tenacious."

Agreement averts car haulers strike

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

A potentially devastating strike at Cassens Transport Co. in Edwardsville has been averted.

After extending the original May 31 strike deadline, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters car haulers union reached a tentative agreement with 17 vehicle transport companies, including Cassens, about noon Wednesday. The agreement will prevent a strike that could have been called against any or all of the companies.

"It is a major victory," said Teamsters spokesman Chip Roth from Washington, D.C. "We won increased pension benefits for our membership, and we made no concessions. We have a tentative agreement to take to our membership. It will probably take three weeks or a month before it is ratified, but we're confident it will be."

If the proposed contract is ratified, it will bring closure to an issue that would have affected 1,500 of Cassens' 1,800 employees.

"(The terms) are costly, but we couldn't take a strike," said Richard Suhre, president and CEO of Cassens. "Nobody wins in a strike. That's why we agreed. I don't think (our employees) wanted to strike. There are about 400 (Teamsters) in St. Louis, which is our second-largest terminal behind Detroit."

The benefits the Teamsters won will allow car haulers to retire at age 55 after 25 years of service with a pension of \$2,500 per month. That is an increase of 66 percent over the previous contract that gave them \$1,500 per month. Roth said that demand was important to the membership because, although it provides a good living, car hauling is the most dangerous job in the trucking industry.

Additionally, the new contract will prohibit companies from hiring less expensive part-time workers at various levels, including mechanics, clerical workers and truck drivers.

Management dropped a demand to use Mexican drivers to transport cars in the United States after the North American Free Trade Agreement opens the border Jan. 1.

The terms of the four-year contract will be very costly, Suhre said. To make some of those costs manageable, car haulers will have to give some, since transport companies have a limited capacity to recoup costs elsewhere.

"We want to take care of our employees, but they'll have to help us make it up with efficiency. The shippers aren't receptive to rate increases. We haven't approached them yet, but we've had experience with this in the past. It's hard to get them to agree to rate increases."

The tentative contract represented the first national test for new Teamsters President James P. Hoffa.

"It's a credit to the increased unity since he took office," Roth said. "(Management) had a 96 percent strike vote staring them in the face."

Suhre said he was just happy an agreement had been reached. "We didn't miss a beat on delivery, and the cars will keep on rolling," he said. "They got basically what they wanted."

Self-admitted molester gets 20 years in prison

By Wade Alberty
and Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writers

Self-admitted child molester Gary Davis was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison with no chance of parole by St. Clair County Circuit Judge James W. Campanella delivered the sentence following a hearing at the St. Clair County Courthouse in Belleville.

Davis, 35, whose last known address was in the 400 block of South Chestnut, Collinsville, pleaded guilty in March to one count of aggravated criminal sexual assault. He had been charged with sexually assaulting a 6-year-old Belleville boy in May 1995.

Davis had been in the Madison County Jail on \$1.5 million bail. He now faces trial Monday in Madison County on 11

charges in connection with the alleged sexual assault of three additional boys. Two of the boys, then ages 11 and 12, allegedly were assaulted in Collinsville while Davis was free on bond from St. Clair County.

Collinsville police have put together 11 charges against Davis based on evidence involving four young boys.

"I don't think we'll ever know how many kids were actually molested," Collinsville Sgt. Dave Roth said.

Davis originally was being held in St. Clair County on \$100,000 bond after his arrest on May 10, 1996. But within days, Associate Judge Richard Aguirre granted a defense request to reduce the bond to \$20,000. Davis was released the next day.

Assistant St. Clair County State's Attorney Steve Haines asked the court to sentence Davis to 25 years in prison.

"While out on bond (Davis) molested young boys," he said. "He has a problem, he is a pedophile... He lures (the boys) into a false sense of security and abuses them."

The crime is punishable by six to 30 years in prison and no parole.

Defense attorney Tom Hildebrand asked the court for a sentence of only six years. The St. Clair County victim and two of the alleged victims from the upcoming Madison County trial testified during the sentencing hearing.

All three boys told similar stories of how Davis befriended them, bought them gifts and had them over to his house, many times for overnight visits.

Davis' mother, Doris Davis, also took the stand, testifying that she believes her son has mental problems that began following a divorce in his first marriage.

Agencies cooperating on buckle-up campaign

Illinois State Police is joining thousands of agencies nationwide in the next wave of Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children and Operation Buckle Down.

"These operations draw public attention to the importance of safety belt and child safety seat use, and to law enforcement's commitment to saving lives through strict

enforcement of seat belt and child restraint laws," said Illinois State Police Director Stan W. Nolen.

More than 2,000 children die each year in traffic crashes nationwide, making it the leading cause of death for children; another 300,000 children are injured in crashes. During 1998, 81 children lost their lives in Illinois crashes. Many of these

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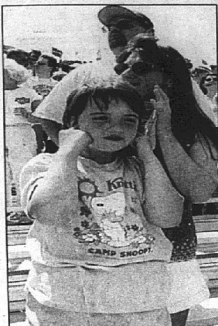
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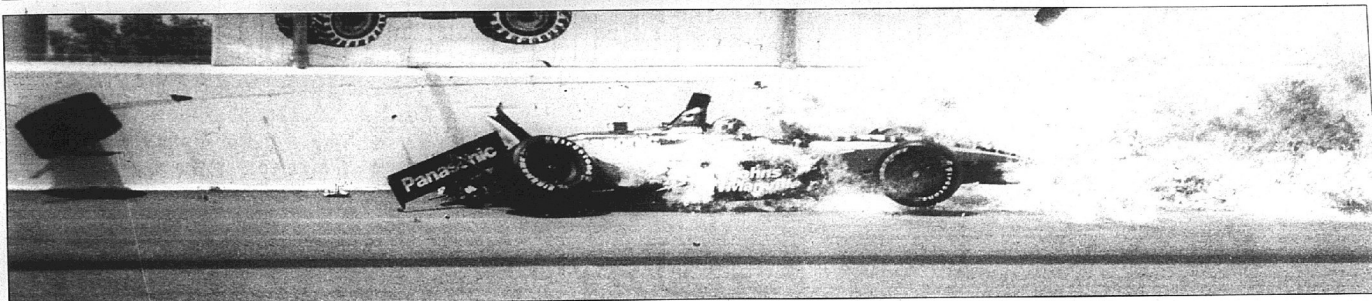
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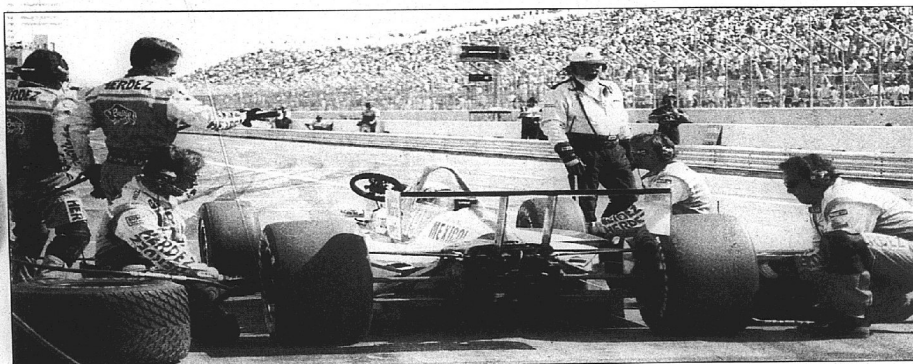


More than 45,000 race fans came out to the Motorola 300 Saturday at Gateway International Raceway in Madison. At far left, Ashley Eriks, 7, of Griffith Ind., holds her ears as the CART cars go by the grandstand. At left, Nick Costello of Granite City, left, and Shane Brunstein of Edwardsville, 9, watch the race.

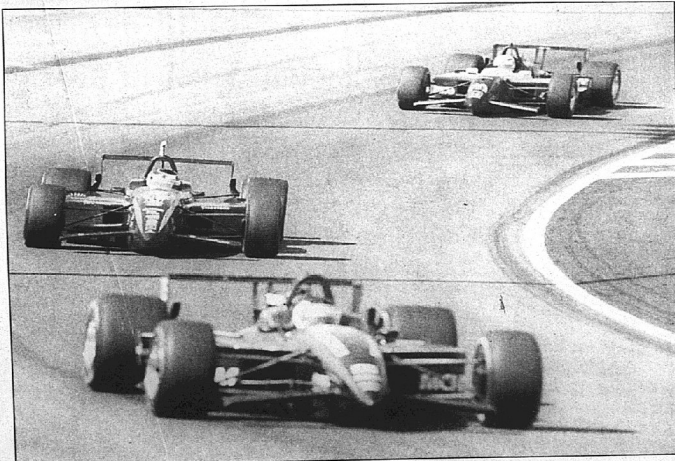


The wheels go 'round and 'round

Andretti, fans win at Gateway's third Motorola 300



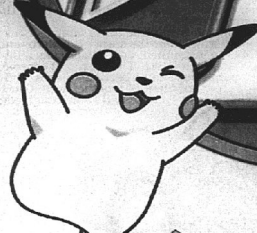
Top, Robby Gordor hits the wall in turn 3 after 11 laps ending his day. Clockwise, Michael Jourdain Jr. of team Playton Conyne Racing pits early as his crew works on the car. Juan Montoya concentrates while preparing for the race. Victory for Michael Andretti as he waves to the fans in the winners circle. Racers speed along turn 4 at the Motorola 300.



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